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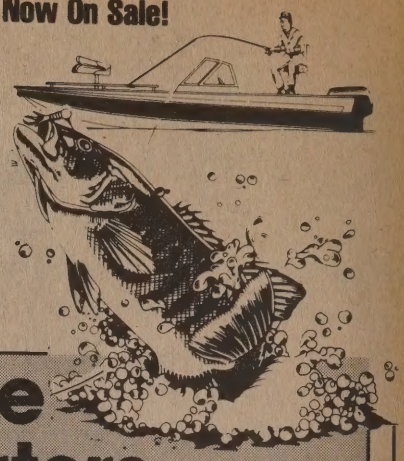

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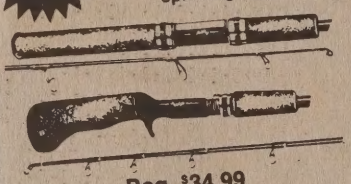

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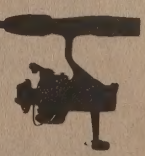

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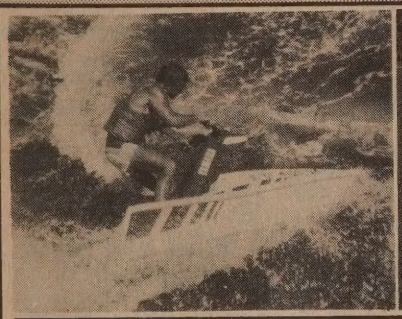

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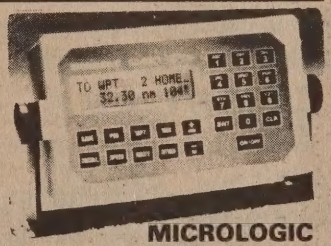

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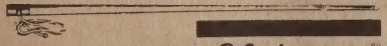

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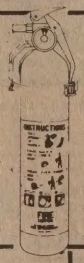

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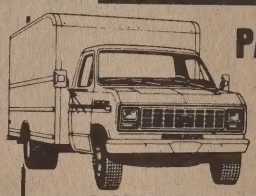

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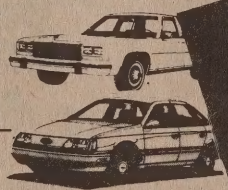

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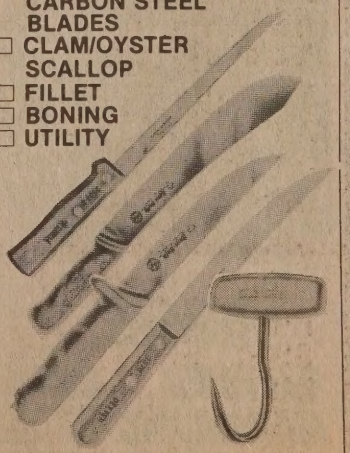

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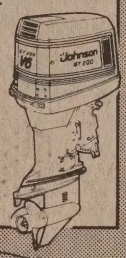
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The High Hill Striper Club held its annual Dinner Dance at the Salsbury Country Club on March 27th. The food, drink and music were wonderful and a great time was had by all. During the dance, prizes were awarded to members for their achievements during the 1986 surf fishing season.

Striped Bass: William Miller, Jr., 44.8 lbs.; bluefish, Tom Fitzsimmons, 19.7 lbs.; weakfish, Dennis Caracciolo, 12.2 lbs.

Most Club Points: William Muller, 731; Fred Schwab, 730 and Tom Pennino, 679.

Most Release Points: William Muller, 1065; Tom Pennino, 810 and William Miller, Jr., 767.

The Club also wishes to announce its new slate of officers for the 1987 season: President, Joseph D'Addario; Vice President, Clyde Jones; Treasurer, Douglas Kernisky; and Secretary Anthony Buatti

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The model line of Boca Grande boats includes a 21', 26' and 32'. It's manufactured here in America in Sarasota, Florida. Authorized dealer in the metropolitan New York-Long Island area is the Start Island Yacht Club and Marina, Montauk, New York.

The Fourth Annual Hamptons In-Water Boat Show will take place at the County Marina, east side of the Shinnecock Canal on Saturday and Sunday, May 9th and 10th. Show hours are from 10AM to 6PM. The Show is sponsored by the Association of Marine Industries (AMI).

ANGLING AN ALTERNATIVE TO DRUGS

Substance-abuse counselors who work with adolescents and younger children stress the importance of giving them alternative activity choices.

"It's great to teach kids to say 'no' to drugs and alcohol," notes one Midwestern expert who works with troubled teen-agers. "But that's not enough. You have to make sure they have other activities and interests in their lives as an alternative to drugs or alcohol."

Teaching kids outdoor skills, such as fishing, camping photography and hiking, provides a great outlet for their energy and a great opportunity to share wholesome experiences with their friends.

National Fishing Week (June 1-7), sponsored by AFTMA, is a great time to introduce a kid to angling. The kid who's hooked on fishing isn't likely to get hooked on drugs.

1987 GUIDE TO SALTWATER FISHING IN NEW YORK

The 1987 Guide to Saltwater Fishing in New York Waters is now available in tackle shops, book stores, marine stores, marinas and fishing stations throughout the Metropolitan area. With 34 fishing maps now in color, it is sure to be even more popular than ever before.

The Guide, by Nick Karas, Newsday's outdoor writer, is now in its sixth year of publication. It has become the bible of saltwater fishing for anglers in New York and adjacent waters of New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The 112-page book is packed with all the information you'll ever need to know about where, how and when to catch fish in the waters surrounding Long Island, Manhattan, Staten Island and the offshore waters of the New York Bight.

The Loran directory, with its on-site gathered numbers, is alone worth the price of the book. It has been expanded to include more than 60 wrecks. The lists of charter and party boat skippers has been updated and the list of launching ramps and boat rental liveries expanded.

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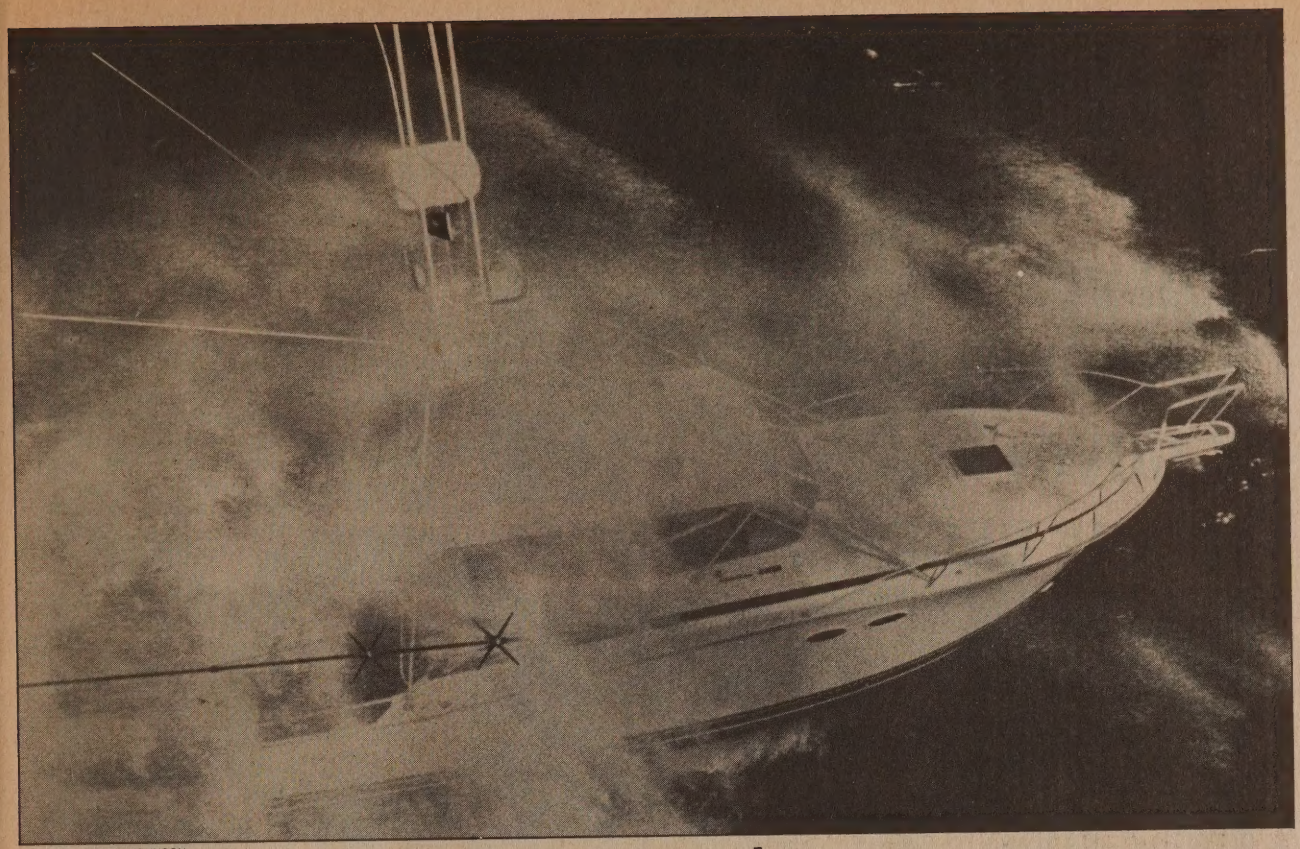

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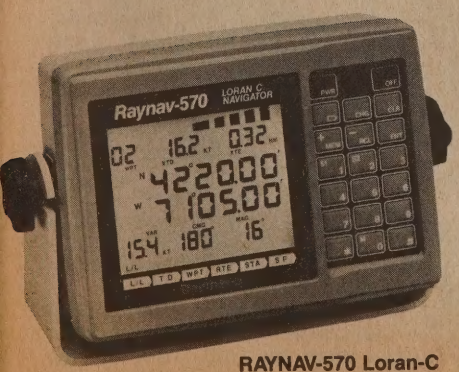

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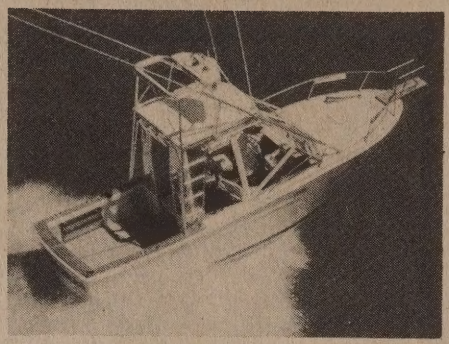

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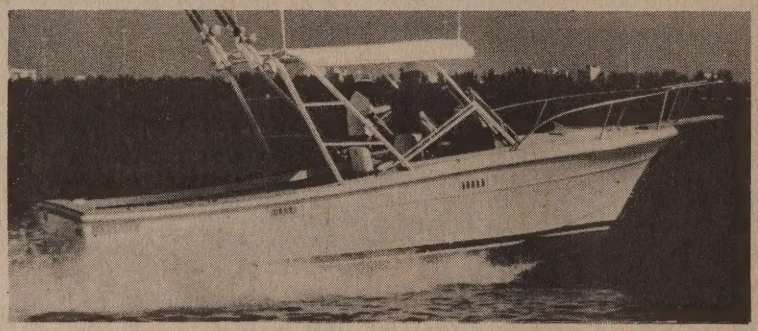

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If the $9.95 Guide isn't yet available at your local shop, send $11.50 to cover tax and postage to: KARMAP-CO, PO Box 194, St. James, NY 11780. Non-residents can receive the book for $10.80.

FLY FISHING HERITAGE

Fly Fishing Heritage, a new publication dealing with the sport of fly fishing, will be published quarterly by Derbyshire Publications, a division of Derbyshire Rodbuilders, Ltd., St. Louis, MO, according to Thomas D. Widmar, president. Months of publication are February, May, August and November. Purchase is by subscription only.

"Fly Fishing Heritage will deal with those traditions in fly fishing passed down through the years to us, as well as those traditions we are building today," according to Widmar. The magazine will include articles on fly fishing traditions recorded through literature and art, as well as those associated with the practical side of the sport.

With an eye on the future, *Fly Fishing Heritage* will promote the catch/release concept and other methods of fishery management. A special section in each issue called "Streamside Reports" will list catch/release streams across the country.

The cost per year is $15 in the U.S. and $19 for foreign subscriptions.

For more information write: Fly Fishing Heritage, Suite 20, 2025 S. Brentwood, St. Louis, MO 63144. For advertising information contact Widmar/Garnant and Assoc., (314) 968-8130.

WRECK STUDIES PLANNED

The research vessel Wahco, captained by Steve Bielenda will be running a series of scuba expeditions. These expeditions will be running to New York's areas known as "Wreck Valley." Each trip will bring back information on wreck conditions, aquatic life, deterioration and mapping details.

Dan Berg, author of Wreck Valley; A record of shipwrecks off Long Island's south shore and also author of a new book to be released this summer on shore diving, along with Captain Steve Bielenda hope to develop accurate underwater surveys and maps of each historic wreck site.

Some of the equipment to be utilized on the expeditions include a scanning sonar, underwater propulsion unit, metal detectors, and underwater camera equipment.

Planned excursions include the USS San Diego sunk in 1918, Cunard liner Oregon sunk in 1886, rum runner Lizzie D sunk in 1922 and many more.

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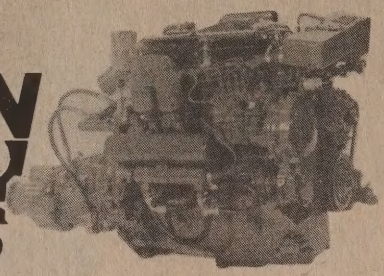

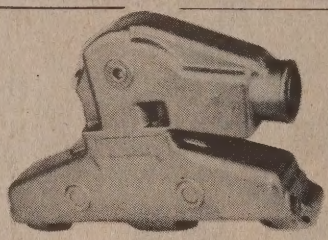

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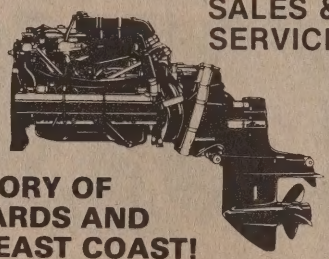

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HUDSON ANGLERS SHARK TOURNAMENT

The Hudson Anglers present their 15th Annual Shark Tournament to be held on June 20th. Entry forms may be obtained at Hudson Point Fishing Station, or by contacting Ron Bauer at (516) 867-9608. This year's entry fee is $150 per boat. You may register for the tournament at any time prior to the start of the Tournament.

Last year's tournament had over 200 boats participating. The Hudson Anglers are providing limited free dockage. Reservations for dockage must be made no later than June 13, 1987.

Total money awards are expected to be over $25,000 and will be based on the number of boats participating. Additional prizes will also be given according to weight.

The Captains meeting will be held on Friday, June 19th, at 7PM at the Guy Lombardo Marina, Freeport, New York, At that time rules will be explained and questions will be answered. Literature will be distributed and there will also be a giant raffle. Captains must be present in order to win. For further information contact the Tournament Chairman, Joe Sangster at (516) 437-3071.

DAVE ROMEO VOLUME FISHING TOURNEY JUNE 20TH

The THird Annual Volume Fishing Tournament for largemouth bass will be held on Saturday, June 20th at Artist Lake in Middle Island. The "catch and release" contest was developed in 1985 by Dave Romeo to permit Long Island based family members and friends to team up in friendly competition each Father's Day weekend and practice good conservation skills.

The Town of Brookhaven's Artist Lake (located just south of Middle County Road) was chosen as this year's tournament site because of its accessibility and good bass fishing. A depth map of the lake will be supplied to each team. Each team must consist of one adult (18 years and up) and one minor (between 8 and 17 years old) in each boat.

The Grand Prize, a Sea Eagle heavyweight four man inflatable boat will be presented to the team who catches and releases the most bass.

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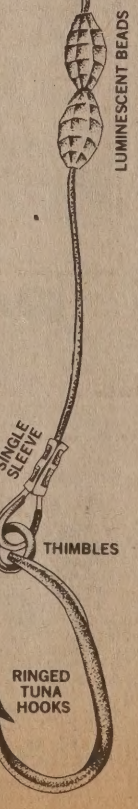

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run from 6AM to Noon. The entry fee is $10 per person. All contestants will receive prizes from Panther Martin Lures, Eagle Claw, DuPont Stren and Prime and Westwood Pharmaceutical.

Because of the limited size of Artist Lake, only 25 boats will be permitted to take part in the tournament. Contestants will be chosen on a first come, first served basis.

Applications may be obtained at Smith Point Bait and Tackle in Shirley or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Dave Romeo Bass Tournament, 404 Green Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554.

All signed applications must be postmarked no later than June 1st. For additional information, call Tournament Headquarters at (516) 483-5706 between 9AM and 9PM weekdays.

GRANTS AWARDED TO THE SOUNDS CONSERVANCY

The Sounds Conservancy, Inc., a regional conservation organization, has received two major grants in support of its Marine Conservation Education and Research Program. The Program provides funding for undergraduate students' research projects in the marine region of southern New England.

The Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust of Boston, MA awarded a $50,000 grant to The Sounds Conservancy and the Hanes Foundation of New York has provided a grant of $10,000 in support of the student research program.

"These are two welcome and very significant grants in support of our regional program supporting student research projects which will help us to better understand our coastal water ecosystems and how they can be restored to produce shell and fin fisheries," commented Christopher Percy, President of The Sounds Conservancy. "Our goal in 1987 and 1988 is to raise $300,000 for The Sounds Conservancy Trust, a Trust dedicated solely in support of the Program, and with these two grants added to leadership gifts received from several of our Supporting Associates we have $90,000. This will allow us to accept and fund student research projects in October, 1987," he said.

The Sounds Conservancy's conservation programs embrace Long Island, Fishers Island, Block Island, Rhode Island, Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds, and the adjacent embayments and coastlines of Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

Its research program supports projects which will lead to: a better understanding and management of the region's shellfisheries and finfisheries and their habitats; improving marine resource management and coastal management policies; greater public awareness and understanding of our coastal resources and environmental quality needs; and encouraging job opportunities in the environmental and economic sectors of the fisheries and aquaculture fields.

The Sounds Conservancy's student research grant program is supported entirely by private contributions received from individuals, foundations and corporations. Information about the program may be obtained by writing the Conservancy, c/o Marine Sciences Institute—UCONN, Groton, CT 06340.

UP NORTH

Up North is a collection of forty memorable essays and stories set against the backdrop of the North Country's magic. These stories are more than mere tales of hunting and fishing, paddling and portaging. They are journeys into the soul. Readers travel through the winter wilderness by dogsled and skis, spend a day with a 89-year-old angler at his secret fishing hole, chuckle at the pre-dawn rituals of a hunter and luxuriate in the North Country's first day of spring. Humorous and insightful, Sam Cook's observations invite readers to explore the fabric of their own memories and dreams, and to come away with a renewed awareness of their place in the natural world.

Sam Cook is outdoors writer for the "Duluth News-Tribune and Herald." A native of Kansas, Sam was lured north in 1976. He and his wife, Phyllis, lived for a time in Ely, Minnesota on

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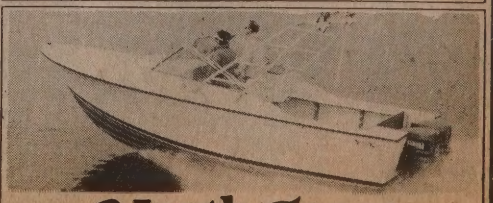

the fringes of the Quetico-Superior canoe region before settling in Duluth. His award-winning stories and columns have been widely acclaimed for their sensitivity and depth. *Up North* is Sam Cook's first book.

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AMERICAN BASS ANNOUNCES TOURNAMENT SERIES

The first in a series of two-man team tournaments sponsored by the American Bass Association, Inc., is scheduled for May 9-10, 1987 on Lake Winnipesaukee in Guilford, New Hampshire. The two-day event is open to all A.B.A. members in the Eastern Region and will feature a $2,000 guaranteed first prize.

Each of the five A.B.A. regions will host two of the two-man team events. On tap next is the Northern Regional at LaCrosse, Wisconsin on June 27-28, 1987. The second Eastern Regional event will be hosted by Maryland on the Susquehanna Flats in September. The Eastern Region comprises 13 states from Maine south through West Virginia and Virginia.

Eastern Regional Director and Tournament Co-Chairman Gary Clark anticipates a good turnout.

Entry fee for each event is $100/team, with 80 percent of all entry fees being awarded as prizes. In addition, the top-scoring husband/wife and father/son teams will each be awarded a $200 prize in addition to any other winnings they may accumulate.

The top five teams from each A.B.A. Regional Tournament automatically qualifies for the 1987 National Two-Man Team Championship Tournament which will be held in November on Lake Gaston near South Hill, Virginia. Each Team will compete for the 1987 National Team Championship title and a $5,000 cash first prize. There is no entry fee for this event.

There is no off-limits period for the Lake Winnipesaukee tournament. Fishermen may pre-register by sending their $100/team entry fee to Tournament Chairman Bob Oja, 140 Cedar Hill Drive, Manchester, NH 03103; (603) 669-9906.

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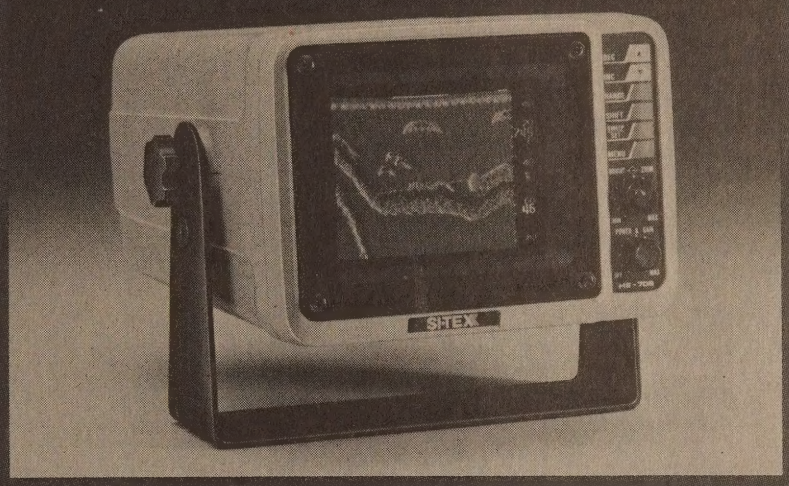

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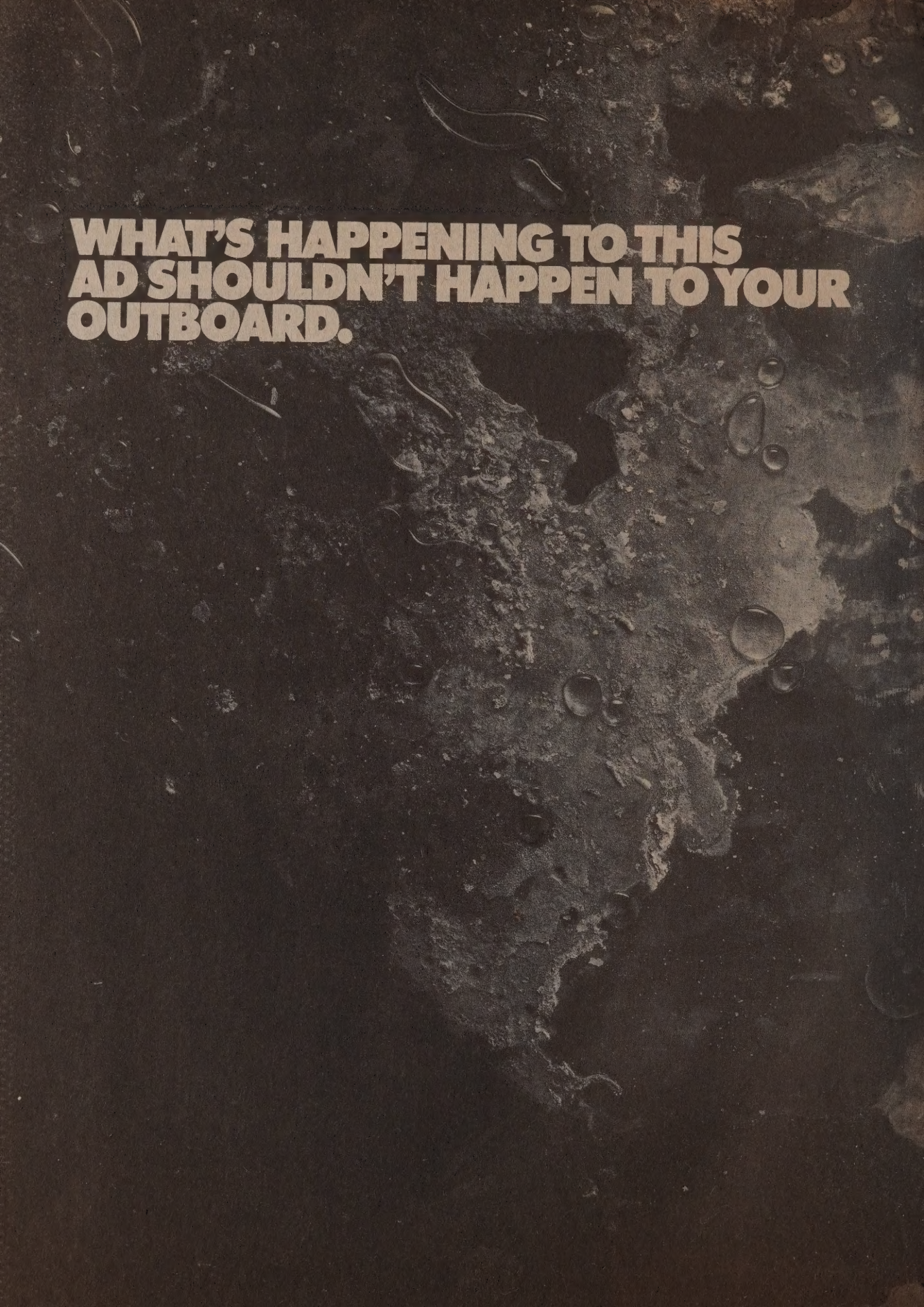
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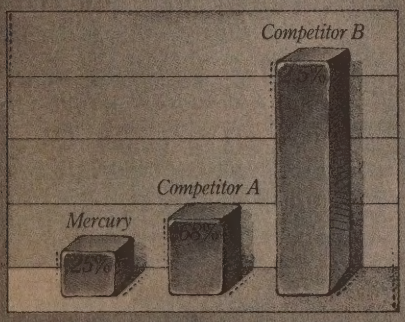

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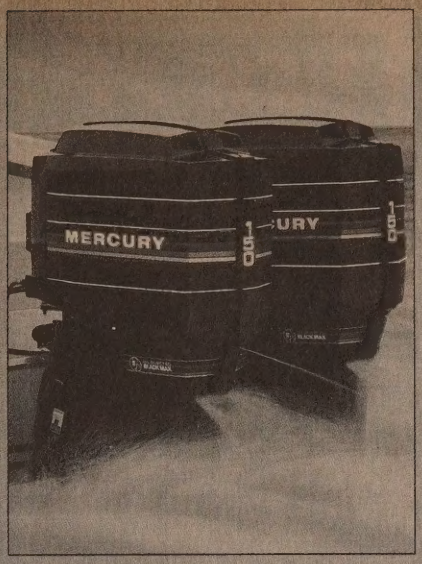

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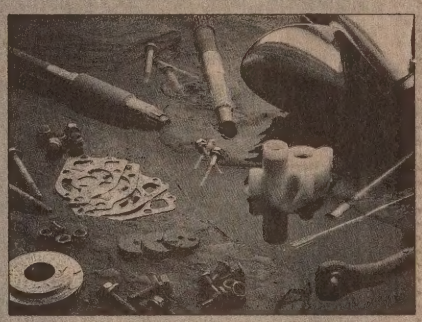

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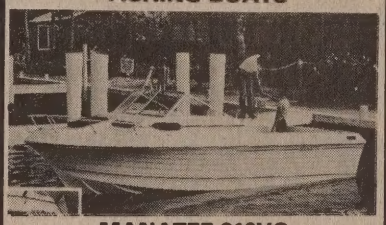
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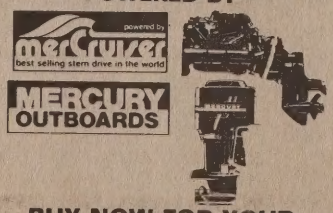
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The Laser XRi offers variable ratio oil injection: 100 to 1 ratio at idle, 50 to 1 at wide open throttle. The system is gear driven from the crankshaft.

Mercury is also introducing new three cylinder 70, 80 and 90 hp models. They offer loop charged induction and a gear reduction ratio of 2.3 to 1. The engines develop their rated horsepower at the propeller at a relatively low RPM range, thereby improving durability and providing quiet operation at all speeds.

The three new models feature variable ratio oil injection: 100 to 1 at idle and 50 to 1 at wide open throttle. The system in gear driven from the crankshaft and delivers oil not only relative to crank speed, but also relative to throttle position. Mercury engineers chose to introduce the oil at one point, into the fuel stream at the fuel pump, rather than at several injection points in order to minimize dependence on multiple check valves. "We have a single, large, dependable check valve," said DuCoty, "rather than small, delicate check valves at each of several injection points."

All electric start models from the 35 hp up have overheat warning protection as a standard feature. A constant horn signal in the remote control warns the operator when cylinder head operating temperature exceeds a safe limit. The warning gives the operator time to shut down the engine before major damage can occur.

New features have been added to Mercury's oil injection system for 1987. The "low oil" signal horn has been moved from the remote Auto-Blend tank to the remote control box so that its sound will be more audible to the boat operator. If the oil drops below the 1 pint reserve level, the horn will sound a beeping signal. The horn continues to sound until oil has been added to the reservoir or the engine is shut off. It has a self-test feature; when the key is turned on the horn will beep once if the wire harness is properly connected to the AutoBlend unit.

The fuel filter has been doubled in capacity to extend its service life. A second oil filter has been added in the fill neck area to facilitate easy removal for cleaning. This year, an accessory 1.8 gallon oil reservoir is available for AutoBlend installations requiring more oil capacity.

Mercury's 1987 line ranges from 2.2 hp to the 220 hp Laser XRi.

TRIMAX FISHING LINE FROM BERKLEY

Berkley research has developed a new fishing line called Berkley TriMax. It results from a new processing technique that interlocks the molecules of three compatible polymer components into three polymetric zones.

TriMax features maximum strength, abrasion resistance, sensitivity and superb castability. Although most fishing lines change dramtically when wet, losing as much as 20 percent of their strength, TriMax has a high degree of dry to wet stability.

The most impressive characteristic about TriMax is what Berkley researchers have dubbed Fighting Power. Fighting power combines strength and stretch performance to rate the ability of a line to tenaciously withstand the shocks and stresses generated in a fish-fighting situation. This advanced TriPolymer construction provides exceptional fighting power that helps you put more fish in the boat.

If that isn't enough, TriMax is packaged in a factory-sealed ABS plastic reel-fill dispenser pak. This unique dispenser hangs on the rod and has a variable drag to allow proper line tensioning. When your TriMax is spooled, use the container to store hooks, swivels, sinkers and other fishing accessories.

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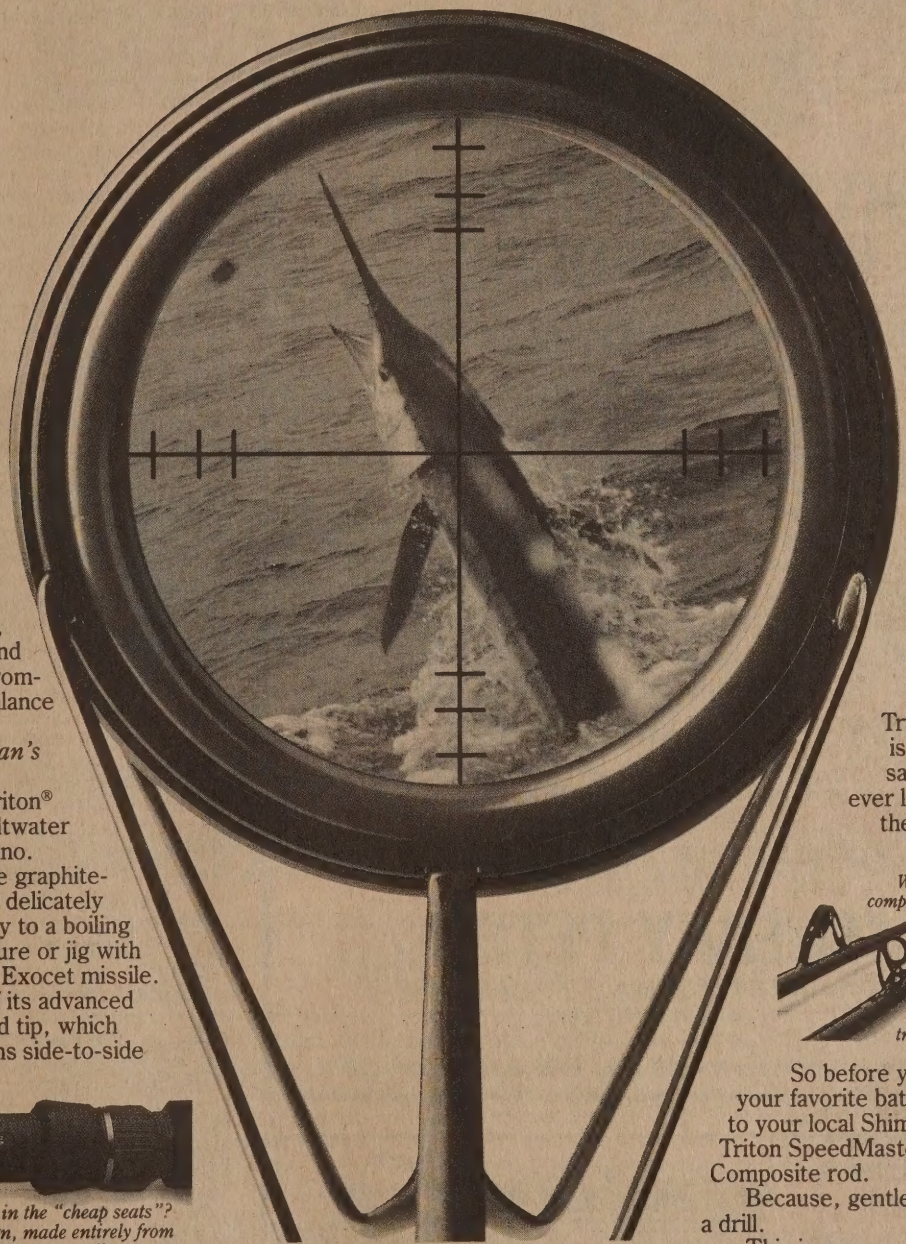

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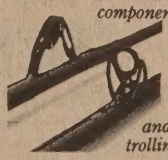

We use highest quality componentry. Top-of-the-line Fuji guides with aluminum oxide inserts on spinning and casting models, AFTCO® stripper and roller tips on trolling models.

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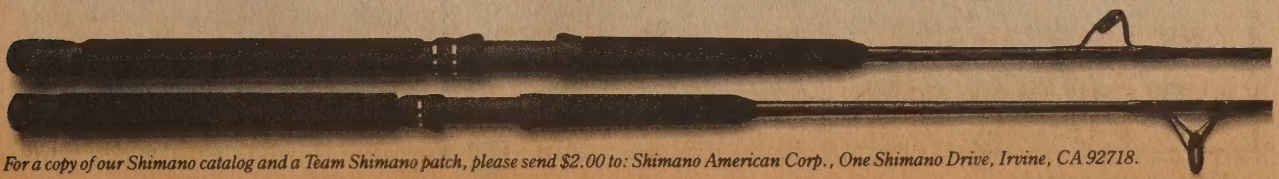

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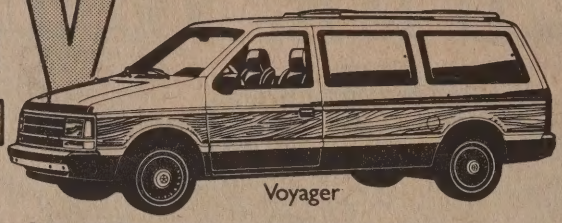

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The craft's wide, hard chines and upswept bow with its sensible hull design assures a dry, stable ride. The 1200 pound bowrider planes with only 25 horsepower but can handle up to 140 hp.

Sturdily constructed with hand-layed techniques, five 3/4" stringers are totally encased in two layers of fiberglass. Level foam flotation is used. An inner hull bilge pump is available optionally.

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TRITON SPEEDMASTER GRAPHITE COMPOSITE SALTWATER RODS UNVEILED BY SHIMANO

Almost every saltwater fishing need has been met with the development of Shimano's new Triton SpeedMaster Graphite Composite Saltwater Rods.

All 10 models of Triton rods have been specially designed and engineered to fully complement all Shimano Triton Saltwater reels. They include the SpeedMaster and SpeedMaster Levelwinds along with the Triton Trolling Series reels, TLDs and BaitRunner reels.

In fact, Shimano engineers point out, the Triton SpeedMaster rods, like the new SpeedMaster reels, are incredibly light with a combined weight that's less than most comparable saltwater reels alone. They add that by using the most advanced materials and componentry as well as the incorporation of a computer-generated design, they have been able to produce the ultimate saltwater rod.

Commissioned exclusively for Triton SpeedMaster rods is Fuji's all new, specially designed Graphite big game reel seat. The result is a totally non-corrosive reel seat that is strong, light, comfortable and easy to operate.

Top-of-the-line Fuji guides with aluminum oxide inserts are used on the casting and spinning models while Fuji guides, along with Aftco stripper guides and roller tips are on the trolling models.

A new comfortable high grade rubber butt cap makes the Triton SpeedMaster rods perfect while fishing standing up. And on most models you can remove the cap to expose a gimbal if your fight takes you to a chair or waist harness.

Note also the high hand hold for comfortable, sure gripping when the battle is at its peak. It gives the angler additional leverage.

Shimano has a selection of 10 one-piece models to choose from: 3 "Tuna Takers," 3 live bait and casting rods, 2 spinninng models, and 2 trolling models. The rods are available in lenghts of 6 to 7 feet for 10 to 80 lb. test lines.

NET MASTER

The ancient art of throwing a cast net to catch bait or table food has been tried by millions and mastered by few. Now there is a new patented invention on the market called "Net Master." It is a strange looking plastic pan that the net is placed into and thrown like a frisbee. Hanging onto the handle of the pan, the net leaves this strange contraption and opens in a perfect circle every time. It wolrks with both monofilament and nylon nets, however, the larger size nets (5 foot radius and larger) seem to work best. John Brief, the inventor, says the only problem with the product is that it will never wear out. One size fits all regular cast nets and anyone can master this ancient art with very little practice. For those of you who have the talent of throwing a net in the conventional manner, you can throw those slicker suits away. The Net Master allows you to throw the net without getting wet or losing your teeth. It's new on the market, so check your local tackle sources or write: Brief Enterprises, Rt. 11, Box 215, Tyler, TX 75709. Cost is $10 plus $3.50 postage and handling per unit.

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This refinement is in direct response to important feedback from Tempress' sport fishing customers which help the company to ensure its products are compatible and integrated with new developments in rod and reel technology. Most importantly, when combined with the Fish—On! Rod Holder's unique open top design, these features allow easy rod removal in a single, slack-free hook-setting motion.

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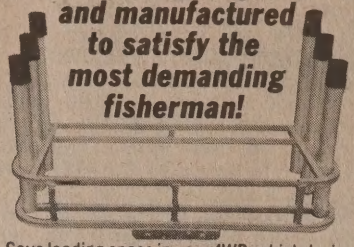

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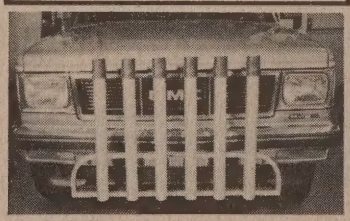

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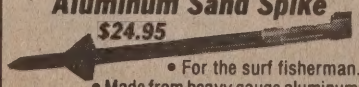

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Boats For Anglers

CRUISERS 251 SEA DEVIL

by Pete Barrett

Cruisers Incorporated, a Wisconsin based company, is a long way from the Atlantic Ocean, but they are in close touch with their dealers and with the oceangoing boaters who buy their boats. Perhaps that distance from the ocean is what gives the company its refreshing approach to layout and design of the Cruisers fishing boats.

My introduction to Cruisers came when a friend asked my opinion of the 251 Sea Devil. At the time I didn't know much about the boat but agreed to take a short run out the inlet to see how she handled. The run down the river was uneventful with no other boats out on that fall Tuesday morning. We could run flat out with no interference. She throttled up to planing speed with no sluggishness and I was impressed with the tracking of the hull as we made hard turns down the channel, but I wondered about the Inlet.

The stiff SE breeze proved to be a good test as we put the boat through its paces. This model had the stern drive power plant and held its bow high when run into the head seas, so the optional trim tabs were appreciated. Fully tabbed, the bow was held down to slice into the chop and the ride was enjoyable. I backed off slightly on the throttle and the ride was firm but not bone jarring pounding. In quartering seas she was fairly dry and in following seas tracked very well with no tendency to wander. In a beam sea the Sea Devil was a pleasure with no excessive rolling.

Back at the marina, docking maneuvers of backing down and jockeying for position to slide into the slip were accomplished with minimal effort. The steering was hydraulic, of course, and very responsive; the throttle controls not overly sensitive.

A few months later I spent time with Bill Kocis of Huppert Marine to get the "cook's tour" of the Sea Devil to see firsthand how this Cruisers fishing boat is laid out. The 251 is a walkaround style cuddy cabin boat, like many others, but what makes this model a good fishing boat is the attention to small details that Cruisers has taken into consideration. There is room for electronics, good rod storage, good access to the foredeck, a large cockpit, a bait well and fish boxes that can hold saltwater sized fish.

This boat is equally at home on the inshore grounds for blackfish and fluke, or for trolling or jigging bluefish. With 134 gallons of fuel the Sea Devil can even make runs to tuna country.

The walkaround deck is molded with enough space to allow even a size 11 boater easy footing. The foredeck area is surrounded by a welded stainless steel grab rail. The anchor is stowed under a hinged cover that keeps the anchor locker waterproof yet provides fast and easy access. There's enough room here for 300 feet of rode.

The cabin offers space and conveniences to make an overnight or weekend stay pleasant and comfortable. The basic cabin offers the usual vee bunk and cabinets. Options include a stove, electric refrigerator,

portable head and extra galley cabinets. With shore power available, many owners would opt for their own microwave instead of the stove and you can modify the cabinets to suit your own tastes and needs.

Overhead rod storage can be installed and there is a hanging closet for clothes, rain gear and jackets. Side windows provide plenty of daylight and a huge hatch on the forward bulkhead opens to the foredeck for ventilation.

The helm is very well done. All wiring underneath the instruments is harnessed and Cruisers supplies a wiring schematic to each owner. Installing future electronics or making any additions to the electrical system should be straightforward with no surprises.

The flat surface just ahead of the instrument panel is done in a non-glare black finish that I liked. Anything that helps visibility in early morning or late afternoon sunlight is a bonus. The area is large enough to mount several pieces of electronics. Any of the small Lorans would easily fit, plus a graph recorder, digital temp gauge. The VHF radio can be mounted below the instrument panel in the glove box drawer.

Raised slightly above the main deck, the helm deck has fish boxes and a bait well molded in. They drain to a collector box which pumps the runoff overboard. The piping is large and the system works well.

The cockpit is approximately 70 square feet in size and can accommodate up to four anglers comfortably. There is rod stowage under the gun'ls via teak brackets and even larger lever drag reels will fit into the space provided.

Flush mount rod holders, outrigger mounts and downriger mount pads will fit with no problems since the covering boards are approximately 8 inches wide. A very nice touch on a fishing boat of this size are the flush mounted stainless hawse pipes that eliminate cleats near the stern that might interfere with fishing lines.

As I peered into bilge, checked hatches and wiring, looked over the fit of teak and fiberglass parts and hardware, it is obvious that the Sea Devil is a quality boat. It handles well in rough seas, provides a lot of fishing room, a decent sized cabin and lots of room for the angler to add electronics. The 251 is a good choice for coastal fishing.

It is available in outboard, stern drive, SeaDrive or bracket drive configurations.

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Product Review

MARTIN 71SS SALT WATER FLY REEL

by Pete Barrett

If you haven't noticed yet, there's a growing trend among saltwater fishermen to use fly tackle to capture their favorite marine game fish. Saltwater fly rodding is once again on the upswing and each year witnesses more and more fishermen, whether from shore or boat, using the fly weight stuff and adding a whole new dimension to the words sport fishing.

I thought it would be nice to take a look at a couple of fly reels which were designed and built for just this purpose. Here's two new ones from the Martin Reel Company which are built for use in the briny.

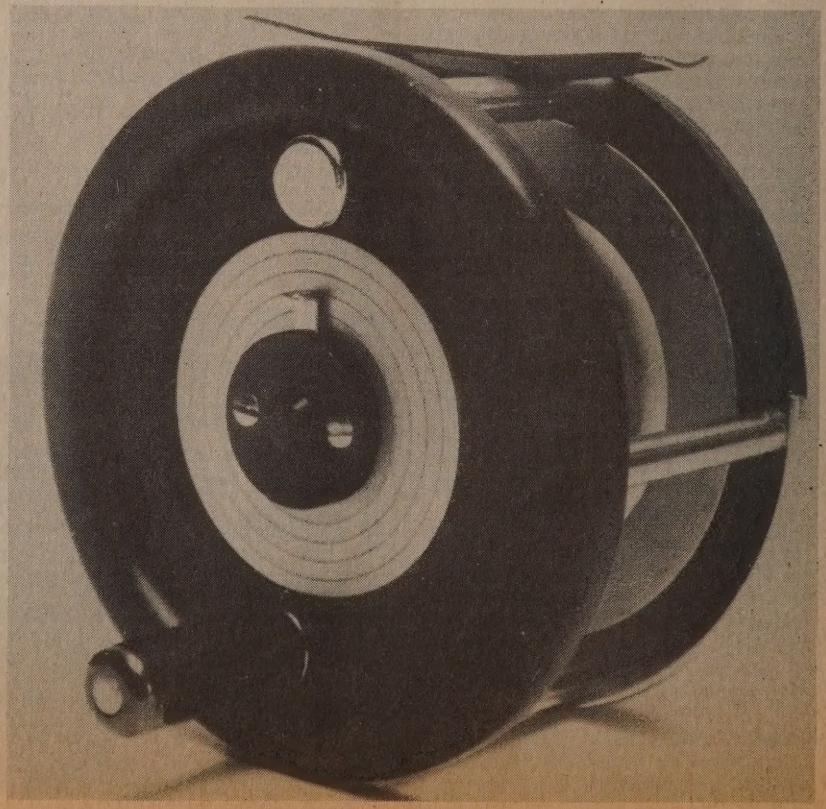
Martin Reel Company of Mohawk, New York is introducing a new "rim control" saltwater single action fly reel called the Model 71SS. The 71SS has a wide range, large diameter multiple disc drag which is convertible to right or left hand wind retrieve and it's spring loaded. The rim-control spool is counterbalanced, reinforced and has a pushbutton release for spool removal. In addition, the reel is equipped with an independent one-way convertible click.

The 3-7/16" diameter 71SS reel weighs only 16 ounces, which goes well with today's lighter weight graphite rods. It has a large line capacity and will hold a 35 yard WF9F fly line and 200 yards of 20 pound test dacron backing.

Equipped with twin stainless line guides, the reel is easily converted to right or left hand cranking. The anodized black finish is completely corrosion resistant throughout and should hold up under many years of use in saltwater.

The Model 72SR has a star drag control knob in place of the standard fluted knob enabling the user to apply a wide range of drag settings and drag pressure when desired. This is a nice feature when battling big bluefish that can test the best of tackle. The star drag knob is not recommended for fly casting where line could be caught on the knob.

Another feature is its 360 degree one way floating Teflon Disc Drag plus an on/off audible click. The large



multiple disc system is similar to that used on braking systems for high speed aircraft. Heat is dissipated over the full area of the discs, not just a portion as in a caliper disc system or on the rim as in older automotive drum brakes. The three point (prong) floating suspension activated by the coil spring, ensures perfect alignment and contact between the Teflon disc and the metal discs even under the severe pressures of a high speed run by a big fish. Bonefish, salmon, permit, tarpon or large bass will test any fishing reel to the limit and this reel is up to the task. The ball clutch design means that the drag is applied only when line is going out not when reeling in. The complete system is unique enough to be protected by a U.S. Patent.

Now let's look at what you want this fly weight system to do for you. The whole system really revolves around the reel itself. I've used other simple fly reels for years with good results. They worked fine, but a better drag was needed. This new generation of Martin fly reels like the 71SS offer the better drag system and the opportunity to expand on your fishing technique.

I've done some fly rodding for blues from my boat and believe me, it can be quite exciting when you hook-up with one of those demons on fly tackle. Many times I wished I'd had a better drag on my reel to let me pressure the fish better. Now I have it. Using just the rim with the palm of your hand to control the run can get hairy and you immediately feel the heat build up on the reel.

Another factor to consider is the rod. I used an old Shakespeare WonderGlass Tarpon rod for what semes like forever; that is, until I had the opportunity to use one of the new 100 percent graphite rods from Berkley. The rod was a 9 foot Bionic rated for a 9 weight line. The power of this rod has been incredible to say the least. Not only in fighting a fish but just in the casting process itself. If you're just an average flycaster, I believe this new Bionic series can add at least 10 to 20 feet to your casting ability.

This rod coupled with the new Martin reel has proven one fine outfit for taking big blues and medium size stripers. I only say medium because I haven't caught anything bigger than that yet on it.

Interest in the long rod is growing along the Coast. Take a look at Lefty Kreh's new book "Saltwater Fly Rodding" for some good info on this fine sport.

And, when you choose a reel keep the Martin in mind. It's very well built (entirely in America), parts are readily available and the reel does the job very well.

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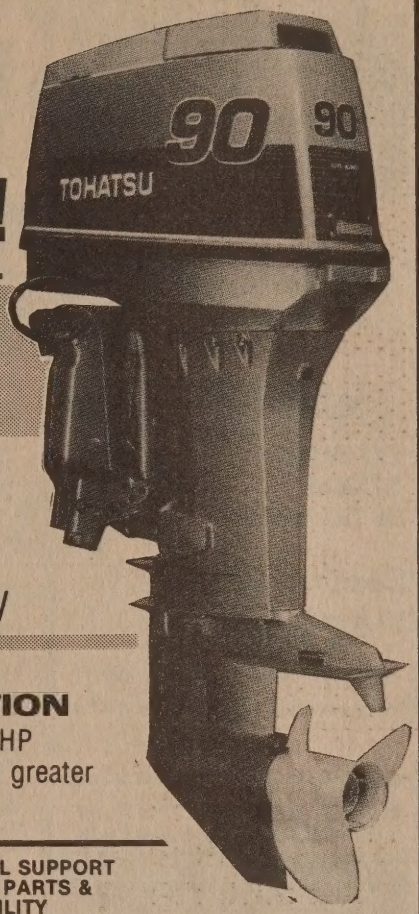

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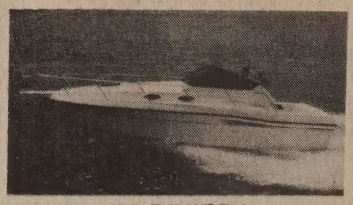

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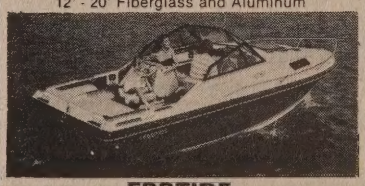

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

In this week's Tackle Doctor we have questions dealing with the problems of casting beyond what is usually considered sufficient. Distance casting is usually confined to the tournaments held on sandy beaches and open fields. However, fishermen are a curious lot and always strive to find better and different ways to enjoy this fine sport! Keep the letters coming, folks, and we'll do our best to get the answers back to you. Address any inquiries about tackle or fish to the Tackle Doctor, c/o The Fisherman Magazine, 1622 Beaver Dam Road, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742. Thanks, and good fishing!

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Dear Doc,

I've recently read two articles on distance casting in The Fisherman: "Pendulum Casting for Surf Fishing," by Brian Mulholland, and "A Practical Approach to Distance Casting," by Tom Goodspeed, in which both authors specified the use of a "shock leader." One specified 60 pound mono shocker, 20 feet in length, on as light as 8 pound running line, but neither article mentioned how these two lines were attached to each other. I'd like to employ this method in my surf fishing if it's worth it. I am thinking of using 15 pound Tri Max on 50 or 60 pound test shock leader. How are these lines attached to each other? Secondly, I know using improved clinch knots in tippet material decreases its strength in half, and I am sure the same thing happens in 15 pound Tri Max. If knots like clinch knots are used, what does this do to the system? I feel there is an advantage to this system as both articles mentioned no lure breakoffs because of the 60 pound mono used in the casting. What do you think of this system?

Lastly, what's hot in lures for bass and blues this year besides the Atoms and Kastmasters? Many of the guys recommend the broken back Rebels, but these Rebels and Rapalas seem light for me to use for distance surf fishing. *Len Aichambault.*

Dear Len,

Distance casting used for surf fishing is tricky business. You see, distance casting is a sport all its own where people cast for the sheer joy of finding out how far their casting skills and equipment can go. It's much like drag racing where the drivers test their equipment and skill by racing down the quarter mile track at breakneck speeds. In pure distance casting, the participants use an orange lure with no hooks that is cast along a beach or open field where it is marked by a judge who indicates the distance. Pure distance casters will polish their reel shafts, balance their spools and use special lubricants to make sure they get the most out of every cast.

The knots to use if you are serious about getting in distance surf fishing are the Bimini Twist combined with the Albright knot. Once you've formed

the loop of the Bimini, the next step is to take this loop and wrap it 15 times with the Albright knot. The loop of the Bimini twist actually is treated as two lines pressed together with the Albright knot holding it tight. The value of this type of knot is that it allows the 20 foot section of heavy leader line to pass through the guides without getting caught up in the same. It's a good idea to varnish or lacquer the knot to make it a smoother surface. You can even use the Albright knot by itself, which is easier than tying both knots, but the connection would not be as strong as the two knots combined.

The clinch knot is not a good knot to use because you are tying two separate lines together. The clinch knot needs a loop to attach itself to or the eye of a hook. If you used the clinch knot with the Bimini twist it would not hold the loop together as one piece of line and this would interfere with the line passing through the eyes of the rod.

Broken back Rebels and Rapalas are too light for the kind of surf fishing you want to try. A Hopkins may work well. I'll leave the lure selection up to you; if you find a hot one that knocks them dead this summer, then please let me know!

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Dear Doc,

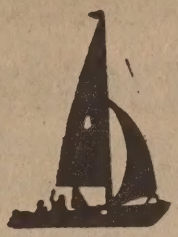
I've recently purchased a Penn 980 Mag Power reel. I've tried following the instructions that came with it, but they are confusing. I can't get my reel to work without getting backlash. I'm using 15 pound test mono with a 2 ounce sinker and a 9 foot rod. The reel functions well up to about a 50 foot cast, but when I try a little further, "backlash city" occurs. Are there any other instructions I can obtain to eliminate this problem? *Mark P.*

Dear Mark,

The first thing to remember is that there are no backlash proof reels, but reels like the Penn 980 are pretty darned close.

With this particular reel the first thing to do is adjust the left end bearing cap by either loosening or tightening. What you are trying to do is allow the spool of the reel to be able to move just a tiny bit from side to side. We're talking 5 to 10 thousandths of an inch here. When you can feel the spool move ever so little from side to side, then you have the first step right.

The next step is to turn the magnetic control in all the way. To find if you have this right, put the spool on free spool, then give it a shove with your thumb. If you've turned the magnetic control in all the way then the spool should revolve 3 or 4 times. If you don't have it in then the spool will revolve only 1 or 2 times. If you are not getting enough distance after these adjustments, then back off the magnetic control just a bit. These steps should help solve your backlashing problems.



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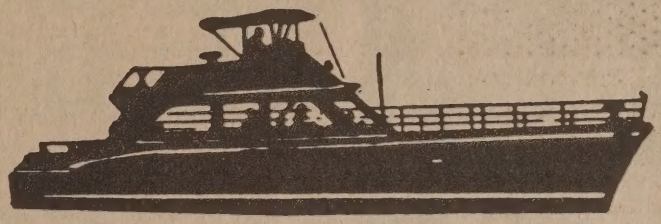

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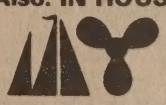

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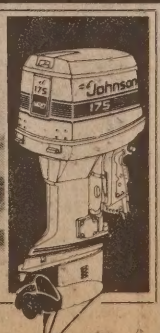

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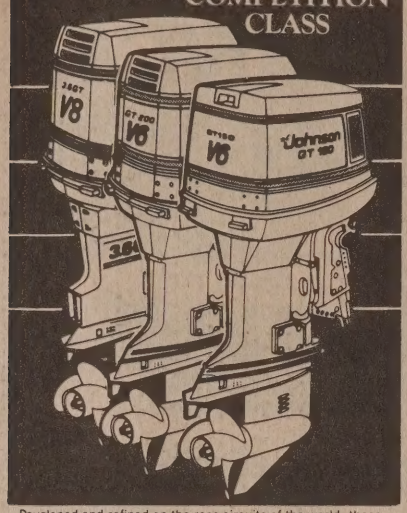

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Occasionally your Dock Lines editor will encounter a situation that he feels should be shared with the readers of this column. The following is such an experience.

I pride myself on keeping my boat, motor and trailer in the best condition possible, but recently I was reminded of how even the best maintained system can break down. We had towed my boat from its winter storage location to my local MerCruiser dealer, a distance of 15 miles and as I was guiding the driver into a parking spot, I noticed the left side wheel on the trailer was tilted at a rather odd angle. It seems the axle has broken and we came very close to having a serious accident.

As the dealer was measuring the old axle so he could order me a new one, I asked him how to prevent this type of failure. He said cleaning and painting the axle with rust inhibiting paint will help, but the previous owner of my trailer had not performed this maintenance. The paint I put on was too little, too late, because the rust had already worked into the axle. The dealer told me this is a common failure on trailers as old as mine (10 years); so if you have an older trailer it might be wise to have it inspected thoroughly for any possible deterioration of the axle.

While we were on the subject of boat trailers, he also mentioned problems he has seen with trailer brakes. According to the dealer when you back your trailer into the water the brakes become wet and after a few immersions, they don't work any more. The only way to prevent this problem is to keep your wheels out of the water when launching and recovering your boat. If your brakes do get full of saltwater you should remove the wheel and drum, then clean and dry the brakes.

Most new trailers have galvanized wheels and axles, so rust is not as serious a problem but a good washing down with freshwater after each use is still a good idea.

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Dear Eric,

I own a 14 foot aluminum Starcraft with 20 inch transom to which is attached a 25 hp Evinrude with a long shaft. When I start out I'm deep in the hole and it takes awhile to plane off. I thought I might solve this problem by installing a set of Olson Aluminum Trim Tabs, but the springs were so strong on them that they never flapped out and I was running with my bow deep and not in good control; so I removed the tabs and returned them to Olson Industries in Nashville, North Carolina. They were very nice about the matter because I did call them before installing and they thought they would work and if not, assumed any responsibility.

I have tried tilting the motor and this does not work; when the boat starts out I'm so deep in the hole and the bow is so high I can't see over it. I'm retired and do my boating in Great Bay and Little Egg Harbor Bay. I certainly wish you could give me the right advice about this serious matter.

James Matarazzo.

Dear James,

I ran a 14 foot Mirrocraft with a 35 hp Evinrude for many years and I experienced the same problem you are having. The solution is loading and operating the boat to compensate for the power of the motor.

When I fished alone I carried a full 6 gallon fuel tank in the bow. I also kept an 86 quart Igloo cooler between the first and second seat and it was loaded with fishing equipment, rain gear and all sorts of other necessary junk. Even with this extra weight in the bow I still couldn't run the motor at full throttle. If I did the bow would lift up and scare the heck out of me.

I usually had another person along on my fishing excursions and with this extra weight in the forward part of the boat I could open her up.

Keep your motor adjusted all the way in towards the stern. To move it out and away from the boat will only compound your problem. Do not open the throttle in one quick turn of the handle. Apply power smoothly over several minutes until the boat planes properly. If you have loaded enough weight into the bow you should be able to cruise along at a reasonable speed.

If possible you should try to run the boat while standing between the middle and the rear seat. Evinrude sells a tiller handle for your motor and with this accessory installed you can easily run the boat from this position. By standing amidship you will help distribute more of the weight and this will improve the boat's performance.

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Dear Eric,

For the past two years I have kept my boat on its trailer, launching and recovering it each time I went fishing. This year I rented a slip, but I am unsure of how to tie the boat up so I

won't have problems as the tides rise and fall. The boat is a 21 foot Mako and the dock is located in an area where the tides rise and fall about 5 or 6 feet. *Jess Parter.*

Dear Jess,

There are several ways to tie your boat to a dock; it all depends on the type of dock you are using.

Generally you will run two lines from the bow and two from the stern. The length of these lines will depend on the distance of the pilings from the boat as well as the height of the tide.

My boat is kept in a slip with a fixed dock. To compensate for the rise and fall of the tide, I use two concrete blocks suspended from pulleys which are attached to the outside pilings with lag bolts. I moor my boat with the bow towards the dock so the lines from the pulleys go to my stern cleats. The two lines from the dock go to the large anchor bit on the bow. Other boaters in my marina run their bow lines to the bow eye used to pull the boat onto the trailer.

If you tie up to a floating dock you won't need the concrete blocks or the pulleys. Simply tie your lines to the cleats on the dock, adjusting the line length so that the boat does not come in contact with the dock as the wind shifts or if it gets pushed about by the wakes of other boats. You will normally cross your stern lines so you can pull one corner of the boat close to the dock when you wish to board.

Last fall I had my boat in a marina with a combination of floating dock and fixed pilings separating the slips. You had to back your boat into the dock, tie your bow lines to the pilings and secure your stern lines to the dock. I used my concrete blocks and pulleys for the bow lines and tied the stern directly to the floating dock. The dock would rise and fall with the tide so the stern was always level with it making boarding much easier. The bow was attached to the pilings which were stationary so you needed the pulleys and weights to keep those lines taut.

Regardless of the type of dock you tie to you should secure your boat with quality nylon line. I use half inch nylon on the stern lines and 5/8 on the bow. You can purchase these lines with an eye splice already tied on one end or you can tie the splice yourself. Be sure to whip the tag ends or they will unravel.

Another problem associated with mooring your boat is the constant wear on the lines caused by chafing from the cleats, chocks and hawse pipes. You should wrap your lines at these points with chafe tape or use a rubber hose type of device that slips over the line and is called a Chaf-Protector.

Once your boat is tied off to the dock it is a good idea to check it at low and again at high tide just to be certain everything is working properly. My boat has survived blow-out west wind, low tides and hurricane high tides without any problems.

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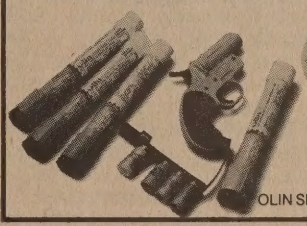

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NEW LOOK TO STRIPER FISHERY

by Fred Golofaro

Long Island anglers, tackle shop owners and charter boat captains were very much relieved by last week's anxiouly awaited adoption of the state's new striped bass regulations. The official announcement came on Monday, April 27th. Unlike last year, the 1987 regulations had the support of Governor Cuomo. Still, many people were reluctant to get overly enthused by the likelihood that the new regulations would be in place for this season. Those who have followed the winding road of striper management have learned through experience that nothing is a certainty where the striper is concerned.

The final regulations establish an open season from May 8th through November 30th in the New York Marine District (south of the George Washington Bridge) while the season on the Hudson River north of the bridge will run from March 16th through November 13th. Anglers in both areas will be restricted by a one fish bag limit with a 33 inch minimum size established for coastal waters and an 18 inch size limit set for the Hudson north of the George Washington Bridge.

Recreational anglers greeted the news enthusiastically, citing a number of benefits from the new regulations. Foremost on the minds of many was the freedom to decide themselves over keeping or releasing a trophy striper. On three occasions under last year's bans, anglers beached and boated stripers in excess of 60 pounds (weighed on hand scales). Fish of these dimensions truly rate "once in a lifetime" status and lots of folks out there would certainly want the option of keeping such a monster. The one fish limit also keeps viable an accurate listing of striped bass records by the state and the IGFA.

Anglers had expressed concern over last year's ban which resulted in some cases of "dead" or badly injured stripers having to be released. The new limit should help prevent a repeat of these incidents, at least in the case of fish 33 inches and over.

Some charter boat skippers were

Anglers lucky enough to land that bass of a lifetime, will now have the option of keeping their trophy.

less enthused about the impact the one fish bag limit would have on their business. A few skeptics claimed that a large portion of their clientele would need more incentive than one fish to trek out to Montauk. They felt a two or even three fish bag limit was needed to restore the bulk of their business.

All indications are that there will be more stripers than we've seen in a long time roaming our coast. This should provide some banner days for both boat and surf anglers, but it also means that a large number of stripers are going to be "handled" prior to being released.

Anglers should make it a point to familiarize themselves with proper handling and release procedures before being confronted with a release situation. Also, establish some guidelines of your own concerning what size fish you intend to keep or release. Despite being allowed to keep a 33 inch fish, many fishermen I know will continue to release all of the stripers with the exception of badly injured fish or those meeting pre-established personal goals such as the magical 50 pound mark. Don't let a fish lay on the beach or deck for five minutes before realizing that you really have no plans for it. If you're not going to eat it or get it mounted, why kill it?

If you find yourself in situations where you have a choice, you might try to take the fish on single hook lures such as bucktails, tubes or diamond jigs. Artificials such as these expedite the release procedure and afford less risk to the fish than multiple hook lures. If it's plugs that are taking the fish, try to avoid those with three sets of trebles. Tail mounted trebles can be replaced on some plugs with single hooks and in all cases, the barbs on your hooks should be filed down or crushed.

In the case of bass taken on bait, if the hook is not easily accessible, simply cut your leader as close to the fish's mouth as possible. The combined effects of saltwater and the fish's digestive juices will make short work of the hook. Avoid using stainless steel hooks for your baitfishing.

When handling your fish, the ideal scenario is to remove the hook without taking the fish from the water. Since this is difficult to accomplish in most situations, the next best answer is to handle the fish as little as possible with a wet towel. Keep hands, fingers and scales (for weighing) away from the gill area. If you're taking a photo of your fish, make sure the camera is always at the ready and don't spend five minutes clicking away.

Let's enjoy this rejuvenated fishery but let's not forget our commitment to one of our greatest resources. The elimination of a commercial market along the Mid-Atlantic Coast is already manifesting itself into an apparent abundance of stripers in our area. Sound management practices by all concerned should help ensure that this trend continues.

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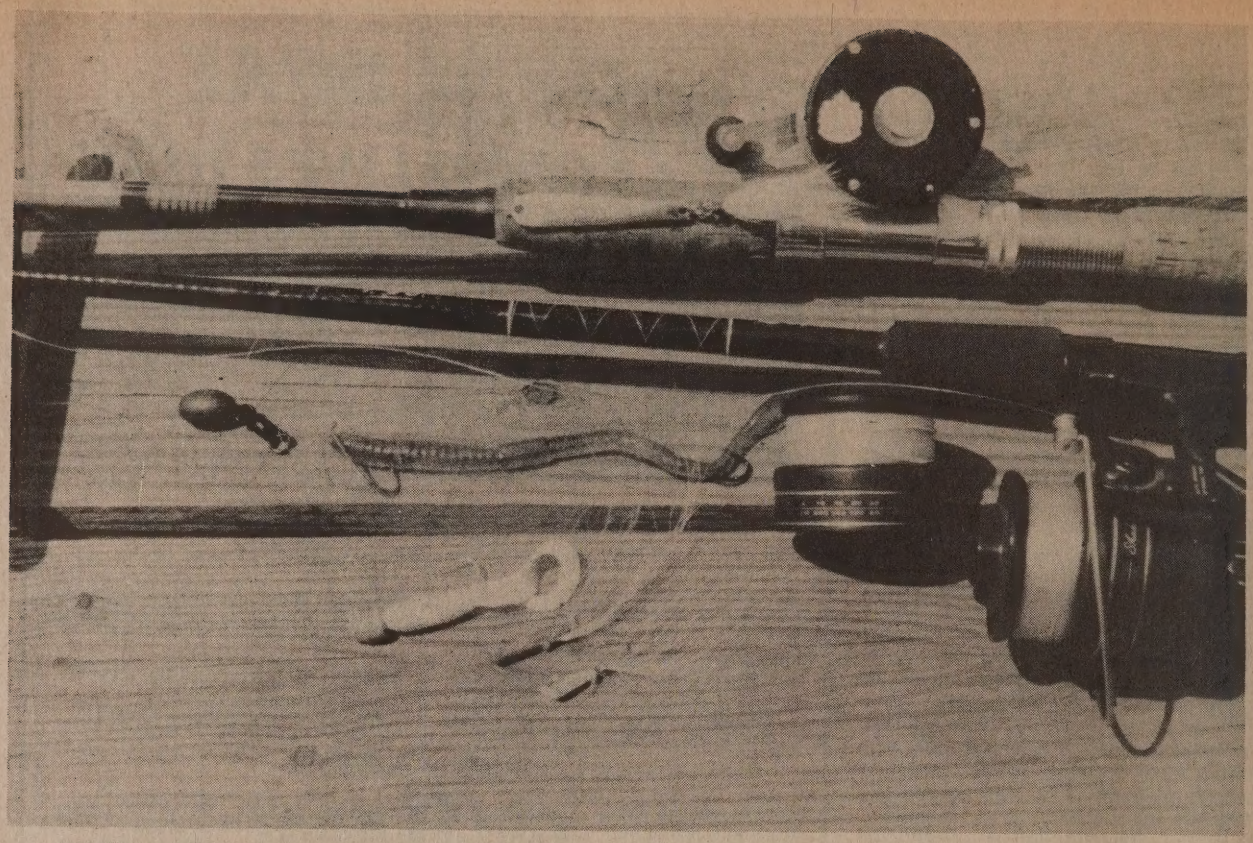

ARMING FOR SPRING WEAKFISH

by Fred Golofaro

For many anglers in our area, May is synonymous with weakfish. Well before any of the yellowfins succumb to hook and line, rumors run rampant as everyone anxiously awaits the start of the station. Though the number of weaks taken has diminished considerably from years past, angler interest remains high. In fact, the spring weakfish run continues to be the highlight of the inshore season for many fishermen.

There are numerous reasons for the yellowfins' popularity. Among them, their size, eating qualities, an affinity for sheltered bay waters and their compatibility to light tackle. Another aspect of weakfishing that ranks high in the eyes of many fans, is their susceptibility to artificial lures.

For lots of inshore anglers, and particularly those who confine their efforts to the bays, the spring weakfish run affords a rare opportunity to catch fish on artificials. Many of these anglers spend the bulk of their season sinker bouncing for flounder, blackfish and fluke.

Through the years, a handful of lures have continually proven themselves on the weakfish grounds. While every angler seems to have onr or two favorite combinations that they will live or die by, smart fishermen carry a basic assortment of artificials in a variety of weights. Very often, the key to scoring with spring weaks is being able to present your offering down near, or right on the bottom. Few lures are better suited to this task than leadhead jigs and for that reason, they rate as my favorite weapon for yellowfins in the spring.

Among the leadhead family, bucktails have always been and continue to be my first choice. They are as deadly as any artificial and lend themselves to a variety of fishing conditions. I prefer No Alibi's Smilin' Bill style as well as those made by Andrus Lures. Most of my leadhead arsenal consists of heads weighing in the 5/16 and 7/16 ounce size range, but I always make it a point to stock a couple of larger heads up to one ounce in size for days when wind and current conditions make using the smaller jigs impossible. White is far and away the leader when it comes to color choices but here again, I always cover the bases by packing a token yellow bucktail or two. Both of the bucktails mentioned are available in most tackle shops in our area. If you have difficulty locating the Andrus version, you can contact Richard Andrus, c/o Andrus Lures, 708 E. Main Street., Millville, NJ 08332; (609) 825-1782.

Rubber shrimp have always played second fiddle to the bucktail in my book but there are many out there who would be willing to pick an argument over this issue. Regardless, it would be foolish not to include a fair selection of rubber shrimp jigs in your weakfish box. Bagley's Salty Dog and Boone's Shrimp Tout have long been favorites in this arena and a lot of friends of mine have enough stock in these lures to last 10 lifetimes. Carryovers, to be sure, from the seventies when weakfishing was at its peak. Vary the size of your heads and be sure to include a couple in the 3/4 to 1

ounce range. If I had to pick only one color, it would be pink.

In the same category are rubber bodied creations such as the Mister Twister, along with a wide array of grub tails. Tote a few of these less orthodox creations along for those days when "nothing seems to work."

Jelly Worms have been in vogue now for a good many years and there is no arguing with success. Most of my fishing over the past several years has revolved around bucktail/Jelly Worm combinations and I've had very good success with this combination. Before loading up on these snakes, make sure that the box you'll be storing them in is worm proof. Many plastic boxes are not compatible with rubber worms and when they make contact... Suffice to say you'll have one heck of a mess to clean up. The best route is to purchase a special compartmented worm proof box designed specifically for storing plastic worms. They are a safe, organized answer to your worm storage needs and cost just a few bucks. Very often, they are easiest to find in tackle shops which cater to the needs of freshwater bass fishermen, given their propensity for using these lures.

Rubber worms are something you cannot have enough of, particularly if bluefish are sharing the same neighborhood. If your worm gets chopped in half, trash what is left and start fresh. I keep a good supply of nine inch worms on hand (they have been the most productive over the years), but I also stock a fair number in the eight inch length. Keep a few six or seven inch worms handy in case you land atop a school of those smallish 2 to 5 pounders which have made their presence felt of late. White and red (strawberry) make up the bulk of my inventory, but grape and motor oil have had their shining moments. Make sure you have a few of each. I've had my best success with Mann's Jelly Worms and their flat-shaped, swimming tail. Stay away from cheap imitations that reek of petrol. If they offend the human sense of smell, you can bet they won't go over real big with sensitive nosed weakfish.

There is one plug which certainly warrants inclusion in your box of weakfish ammo. A sinking, 5½ inch Rebel has bailed me out on more than one occasion, particularly during the latter part of May and into early June. Be sure to give the plug plenty of time to get deep before beginning your retrieve. Obviously, this lure is most effective during and around slack water periods. My favorite finish is a mackerel but they are often hard to find. Silver with a black back makes a good alternate choice.

While there is no telling what a tiderunner weak is liable to gobble on any given day, those lures we've discussed have earned my confidence for their production over a long period of time. Make sure at least some of them are in your arsenal this spring and you should never be far from connecting with Mr. Weakfish.

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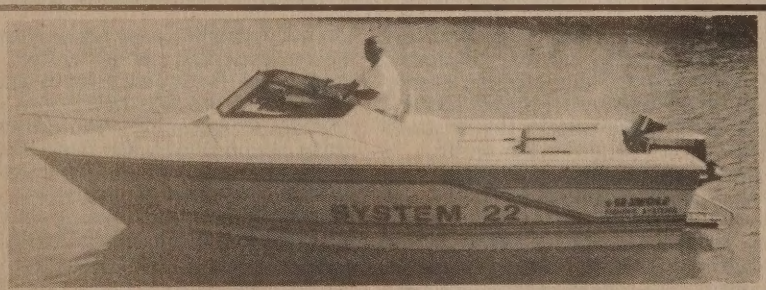

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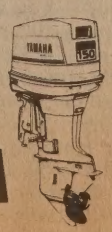

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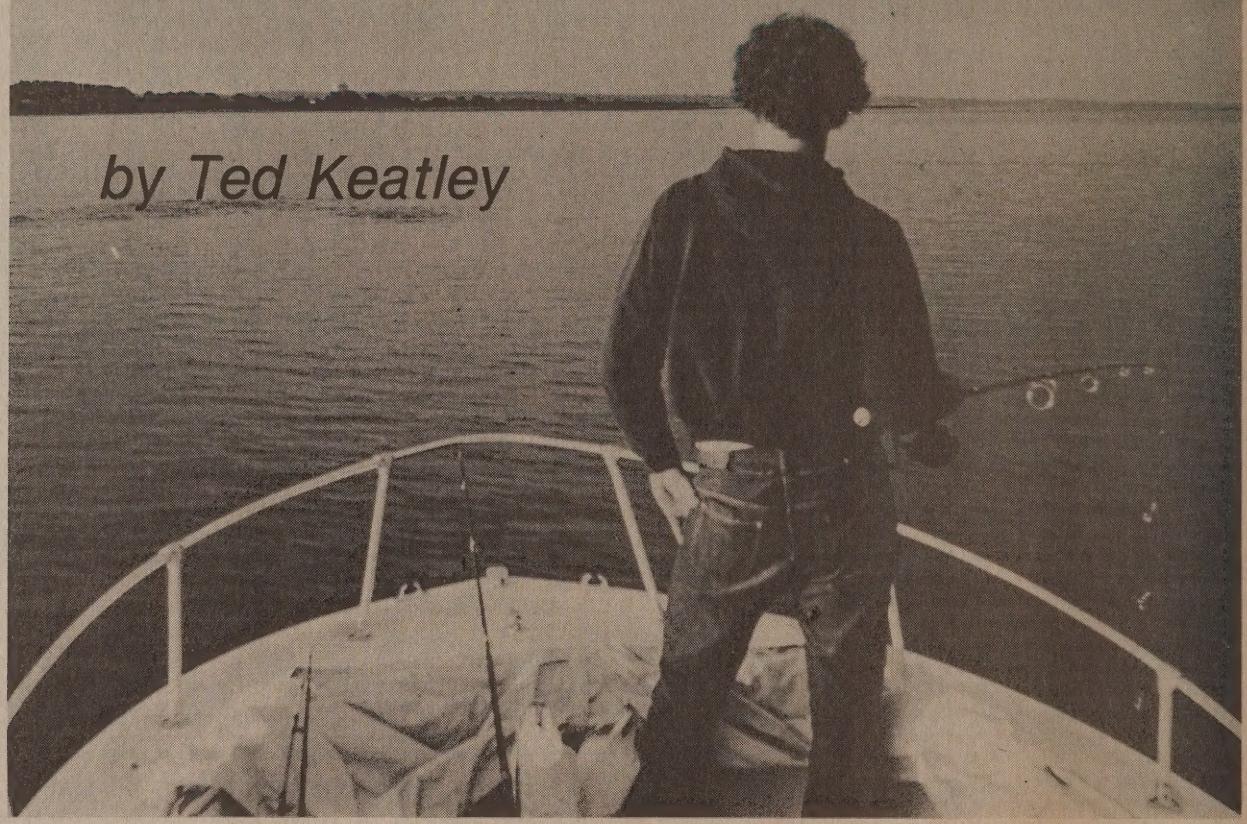
WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND: SPRING INTO SUMMER

by Ted Keatley



The month of May will see the gradual tapering off of the spring flounder fishing, a run of big Boston mackerel (maybe) and blackfishing gradually improving to the seasonal peak. Finally, if 1986 fishing is repeated, there will be plenty of bluefish before the end of the month. All in all, May is a wonderful time of year for Western Long Island Sound sportsmen.

Early May should provide excellent flounder fishing with the catches slipping toward the summer doldrums as the month progresses. Since most of the fish move eastward in the trip to deep water summer grounds, action will slow down first in the more westerly portion of the Sound. When I kept a boat in Mamaroneck, I considered the first week of May to be about the last of the good fishing for flats.

I am reluctant to stick my neck out too far in the prediction for the spring mackerel run. The fishing has grown progressively worse for the past four seasons in spite of the fact that the overall Atlantic Coast population has been rebuilding steadily from the decimated levels just prior to the imposition of the 200 Mile Limit. The number of spawning fish in western Long Island Sound has been varying inversely with the overall population. When the foreign trawlers had brought the population to an extremely low level in the early 1970s, our mackerel run was fantastic. A catch of several hundred fish was possible if you had any use for that many. In 1986, I did not have a single mackerel to put in the freezer for bluefish bait.

Mackerel are not an important commercial fish in the United States. Like the striped bass, this is a species which is more affected by the recreational catch than the commercial take in the northeast. There apparently is a very limited market beyond the coastal area running from Chesapeake Bay to New England, probably because this oil fish becomes strong tasting if not eaten promptly. During the early 1970s, commercial landings represented only about 2,000 tons of a total catch estimated at 17,000 tons.

The foreign fishing pressure prior to the 200 Mile Limit was an entirely different matter. This catch increased from 68,000 metric tons in 1968 to a peak of 385,000 metric tons in 1972. By 1977, the last year before the foreign vessels were regulated, the total had dropped to 54,000 metric tons as a result of overfishing. Since 1978, the foreign vessels have been restricted to a very small tonnage, primarily the result of by-catch while fishing for other species.

Another factor in the availability of mackerel in the western Sound is the food supply. Since sand eels have been extremely abundant, this should not account for the poor mackerel catches of recent seasons.

However, it takes a large body of bait to hold mackerel schools in an area for any length of time. Since the Atlantic mackerel has no swim bladder, the fish must keep swimming 24 hours a day. If they were to stop, they would sink to the bottom and suffocate. With these fish,

swimming and eating are synonymous. Constant movement means a very high energy requirement.

When the mackerel first arrive, they tend to be spooky and many are spawning. As a result, trolling is often more effective than the drifting technique preferred later in the season.

Although the most effective length of troll can vary, 60 to 70 feet usually is best. The commonest rig is a mackerel treel with jig at the end. The tree is three feet of monofilament with four small tube lures on 4 to 6 inch leaders spaced along the length. Hook sizes range from #2 to 1/0. A diamond jig is commonly used on the end, but I have found a lure with a fluttering action to be more effective. My choice is a 3 ounce bent sand eel jig or a Krocodile spoon.

Jigging is more sport than trolling and when the fish are concentrated, it is also more productive. With four tubes and a treble hooked jig, it is possible to catch four, five or even six mackerel at a time. Fishermen often allow the first to run around until it has picked up enough friends to fill all of the hooks.

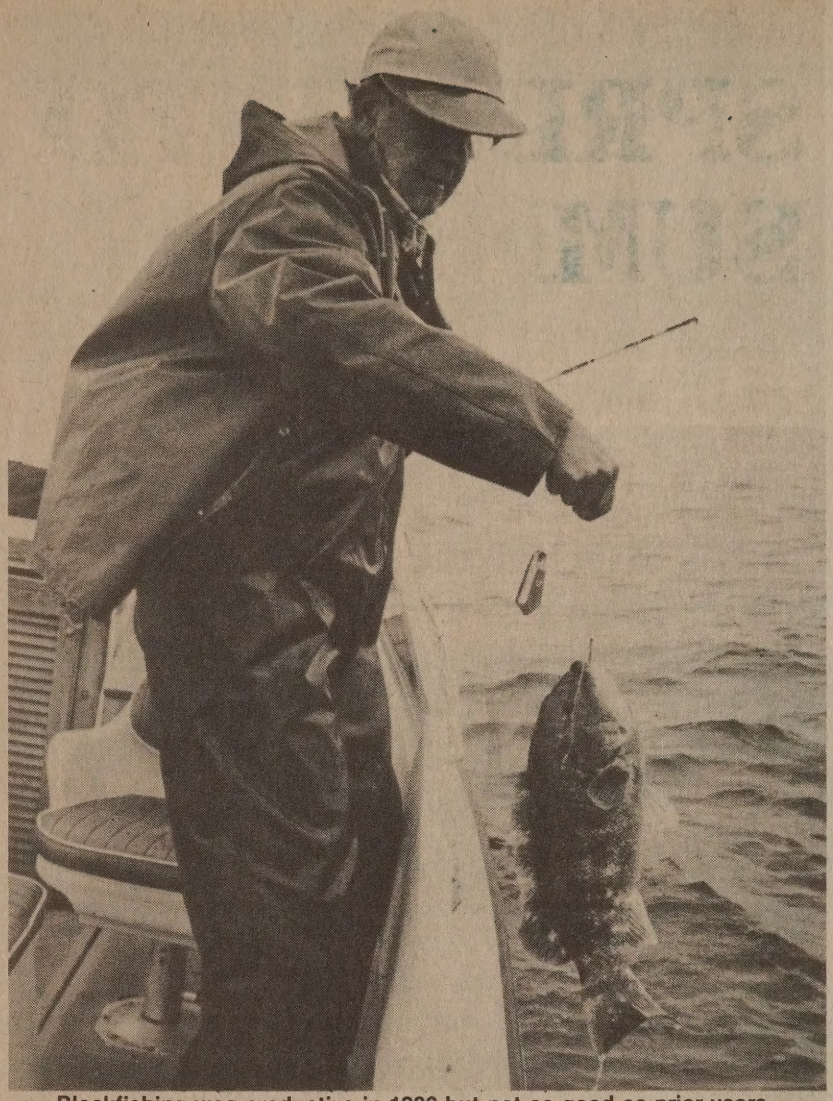
While some talk about fishing deep for mackerel, I always have found them fairly close to the surface. When I jig, I only let out 15 to 30 feet of line. The length is determined by the depth of the fish and the speed of the drifting boat. More often than not, I can see the upper tube at the top of a jigging lift. Mackerel like a fast moving lure, so keep jigging constantly. Sometimes, short choppy strokes are best. However, most of the time, a long sweeping movement bringing the rod tip above the level of your head results in more hits.

I prefer a fairly heavy jig which drops fast and comes up against the end of the slack with a bang. Often, you wait for this thud until you realize that it is not going to happen because a mackerel intercepted the lure on the way down.

For greater sport, try a small white or silver lure with a light spinning or baitcasting outfit if the mackerel are on top. I have a couple which handle a half ounce spoon very nicely. Many times, virtually every cast produced a hit. More often than not, if a fish broke off, another would strike the lure before the retrieve was completed.

Although mackerel usually remain in the deeper water of mid-Sound, they sometimes come close to shore or even move into harbors. However, the bulk of the fish normally are found slightly toward the Long Island side from the middle of the Sound. The rapid gathering of boats soon will tell you where the mackerel are feeding on a particular day.

Fishing often was good around Execution Rocks off New Rochelle and from buoy 42 outside of Mamaroneck southward toward Hempstead Harbor. However, there have been few mackerel in the more westerly portions of the Sound in the last five years. This contasts radically with the early 1970s when I could catch 100 mackerel or more off Rye's Scotch Caps with no trouble.



Blackfishing was productive in 1986 but not as good as prior years.

Further east, I would expect the best fishing just south of a line drawn from buoy 32A between Greenwich and Oyster Bay to buoy 24C in mid-Sound between Norwalk's Greens Ledge Light and Eatons Neck. The fishing also can be good a few miles north of Cranes Neck and outside of Mt. Misery Shoal just east of Port Jefferson Harbor.

In 1986, blackfishing was productive although not as spectacular as a few years earlier. Then it was possible to take 150 lbs. of big fish in a few hours on the deep water reefs around 24C and 11B during the fall run. I would expect this spring to be about like 1986.

Blacks remain semi-dormant in deep rocky holes during the coldest weather and begin to move toward shore as the water warms. By late April, a few are being taken by flounder fishermen or in lobster pots. However, tradition is that the season begins with the blooming of the dogwood and this is a pretty good rule of thumb. The blackfish spawn in shallow water from the middle of May into June and often feed in areas which are out of water at low tide.

It is said that blackfish have a "soft mouth" in early spring and clams or fiddler crabs do seem more productive at this time than the green crabs which I normally prefer. To the east in Rhode Island, sand worms often are used for blackfish bait. In our waters, the bergalls usually arrive a little before the blacks and I never have figured out a way to keep a worm away from these thieves long enough for a blackfish to take it.

By late May, green crabs are the bait to use if you want big fish. An added advantage is the fact that the bergalls have a tough time gnawing half of a green crab off the hook.

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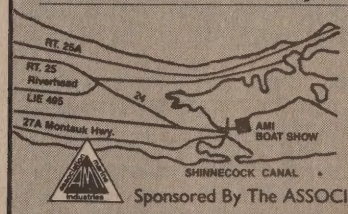

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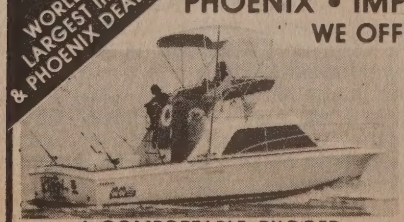
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A double anchor to keep the boat from swinging is a virtual necessity when fishing shallow water. It is especially important if you wish to cast to a particular rock. Blacks tend to be wary when feeding in "thin" water and even your shadow can spool them. Thus, a steady boat and a minimum of commotion enhances your prospects when fishing in very little water.

Blacks move with the tide and in shallow areas, the rising tide and the beginning of the fall usually produce most of the action. Many experts have a series of moves which they make: toward shore on the rising tide and back out to deeper water on the drop.

I cut a green crab cleanly in half and leave the legs and back shell exactly where nature put them. Some articles which I have read describe involved surgical procedures in detail. So far as I am concerned, by the time that you have cut off the legs, removed the back shell and quartered the body, you have nothing but a bergall hors d'oeuvre left.

If you ask for blackfish hooks in the tackle shop, you will receive Virginia pattern. These are a short point, kirbed hook resistant to bending. I am a maverick when fishing with green crabs since my preference is a much larger 6/0 Sproat. These hooks have a small wire diameter for their size and come from the box needle sharp. The only disadvantage is that the point turns rather readily. However, they are easy to resharpen and cheap enough to throw away if the point is in really bad shape.

One final caution: if you are not hanging up on the rocks or losing a badly fouled rig occasionally, you are not fishing good blackfish bottom. There are exceptions such as the oyster beds around the Norwalk Islands, but as a rule you need rough, rocky bottom for good blackfishing.

Normally, I would expect the first bluefish action around the beginning of June. Last year, I took my first blues on May 18th, a few miles south of the Middle Passage in the Norwalk Islands and there were reports of bluefish in the area for a week or ten days before that. By the following weekend, I had good fishing from Captains Island westward to Playland at Rye. A week later, I took so many fish in the mouth of Hempstead Harbor that I quit early.

Most of the first blues were school fish in the 3 to 8 pound range. However, by mid-June, I was taking alligators trolling in Stamford's Westcott Cove with a Periwinkle jig on 125 feet of monofilament. This is the earliest that I ever have had consistent action with big fish.

Since I am running out of space, I will have to leave my comments on bluefishing techniques for my June column. However, remember the 1986 action and be on the lookout for bluefish throughout May.

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SOUND OFF FOR MACKS

by Wally Powell

The first species of fish to be pursued this spring, will be flounder. If you put your time in and fish the various flounder wintering holes, you will be able to put some tasty meals on the dinner table.

The second species of fish to make their presence known in the Sound, and which is my preference to pursue, are those speedy swimming and hard fighting little gamesters known as mackerel. Mackerel fishing, in my opinion, is excellent fishing and a fine sport. And when they're around, they're around! This has been the problem the last couple of seasons in the mid-Sound region. Where to find these marauding schools of mackerel? Using the old cliches such as "Here today, gone tomorrow" and "You should have been here yesterday," best describes the way the mackerel invasion has been the last couple of seasons.

The explanation why these fish are not in abundance recently as opposed to three to four years ago, I guess can be attributed to an assortment of reasons. Perhaps they are at the end of their cycle and their resurgence is only a matter of time. Perhaps there has not been enough bait to support these usually large schools of fish, too much rain, water temperature is not right—who knows? Hopefully, these fish will invade their favorite haunts such as Penfield Reef, Middleground Light, along the dropoff on the Long Island side of the Sound, anywhere from Can 7 Mt. Herod Pt., to Can 11 at Port Jeff. Last season, the macks were virtually non-existent in these areas. They pulled a real Harry Houdini and they were a tough act to follow! Things reached such a low last season, in regards to serious mackin', my crew and I had to take a road trip to the North Rip of Block, to satisfy our fetish of catching these fish. The bottom line is they weren't around the last couple of seasons and that's a history lesson now, so thinking on the positive side, hopefully the mackin' this year will be on the upswing!

When the mackerel do arrive in the mid-Sound area, it's usually around the second week of May and up until about the same time in June that they hang around. They come in when the water temperature is relatively cold, anywhere from 44 to 66 degrees. As soon as the water warms, they're up and out of here, usually with the first bluefish of the season on their tails!

If the mackerel do come into the Sound, they usually travel in large schools which is usually a good indication that the water is right and they are feeding rather heavily on the old menu of sand eels. If you are fortunate to encounter a school of mackerel this year, the size of the fish in the school is usually the same.

Mackerel have no bladders which basically means, if they don't swim, they don't live! They have to remain constantly on the move; so if they are in one particular spot one day, chances are unless there is an unlimited supply of bait, they will be gone the next. The real challenge of good mackerel fishing lately is locating them. Once you've done that (hopefully we all will), loading the boat up is the easy part.

My mackerel fishing is done from my boat and I'd like to discuss a few techniques and ways that, hopefully, will help you increase your catch of macks this season. The fishing gear we use is light to medium. We use rods, 5½ feet in length, equipped with Penn Jigmasters, spooled with Penn 750s, also spooled with 20 lb. mono. The lighter you go, the more fun and action you will have. Attached to our lines are the commonly used mackerel or Christmas tree rigs. These rigs are a length of mono, 3 to 4 feet long, outfitted with 3 to 4 multicolored tubes, snelled with 1/0 and 2/0 sized hooks, spaced about 8 to 10 inches apart. Attached to the bottom of these rigs, are 2 to 3 oz. diamond jigs, with the treble hook removed and replaced with a 5/0 single shanked hook. Something to remember when in pursuit of mackerel is to bring extra rigs, because you're gonna need them. When catching anywhere from 1 to 5 fish at a clip, your rigs are going to be chewed up, frayed and eventually a couple lost. While the tackle shop bought rigs to do the job and are a rather inexpensive investment, they don't hold up all that great in the heat of battle! That is why during my winter months of cabin fever, I made my own trees using a stronger leader of 30 pound test, which holds up longer and also gives me a feeling of a job well done when these feisty battlers come aboard the "Reel Affair" and start flopping around the deck.

As already mentioned, locating mackerel is the tough part. Anybody who avidly pursues these fish will no doubt have their favorite haunts. Other ways of locating them will be listening to your reliable fishing cohorts on the CB and VHF radios. Reading the New England Fisherman's fishing reports is usually very reliable as to where they might or might not be.

Once you have selected where your mackerel destination is for the day, en route keep your eyes peeled for large areas of rippling, swirling water. If

Catching macks one at a time on light tackle can be a satisfying experience.

you spot one, it's a good chance it's mackerel. Mackerel don't jump out of the water, they kind of slap it, much like bunker schools do. When you get to your destination or encounter a swirling mass of water and you have a fish recorder, now is the time to use it.

On the recorder, schools of mackerel usually chart like pods of bait. So if you are working an area where the macks are supposedly at and all you get on your recorder are markings that normally indicate bait, cut your engine and start drifting and jigging, you're probably sitting on top of mackerel heaven.

Jigging is by far the best technique for filling the fish box with macks. Once you start working an area, mackerel are usually located anywhere from just below the surface to a depth of usually no more than 50 feet. Once you mark fish, lower your rig to what you feel is the desired depth. Lift your rod tip towards the sky and then lower your rod tip until it almost touches the water's surface. Keep repeating this straight up and down motion. The up and down motion gives your jig the fluttering motion of a wounded bait fish on the downward move. If the macks are in the neighborhood, you'll soon know it! If you are not getting hits and you know they're down below, crank your rig up or down a few turns and start your up and down jigging again. It's a period of hit and miss until you find the range they are in.

Once you're into them, the fishing will be fast and furious. Multiple hook-ups will be frequent. Something you can try is to hold the macks around your boat with a natural mackerel chum slick. All you have to do is let the first wave of macks that come aboard, flop around on the deck for awhile and then give them a bath with a couple of 5 gallon buckets of water. Pump this mixture of scales, blood, slime, etc., out the bilge and you should be able to keep them around for awhile. This method does work and you can't lose for trying.

If you happen to have good day(s) on the mackerel scoreboard, you'll be able to catch as many of these fish as you want! Remember, don't OVER-KILL and deplete the stock, because one day the mackerel may become another casualty on the growing list of disappearing fish!

Take only what you know you will make good use of, release the rest. (That's why we change the trebles on the jigs to single hooks.) Fresh caught mackerel, despite all the oily, gamey stories you've heard, are great eating. Also during the spring run of fish, a lot of the mackerel will be spawning. I'm told the roe of the mack is a delicacy, but personally, I was never into caviar, especially mackerel caviar! Macks tucked away in the freezer for later use in the season for shark and bluefishing will help you save a few dollars that you can spend later in the season on needed fishing gear and petrol.

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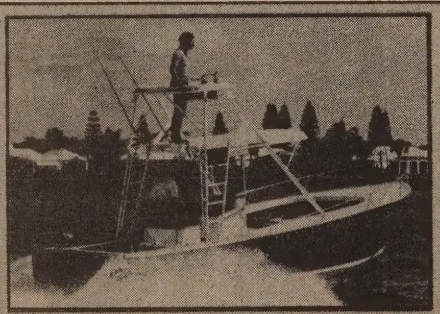

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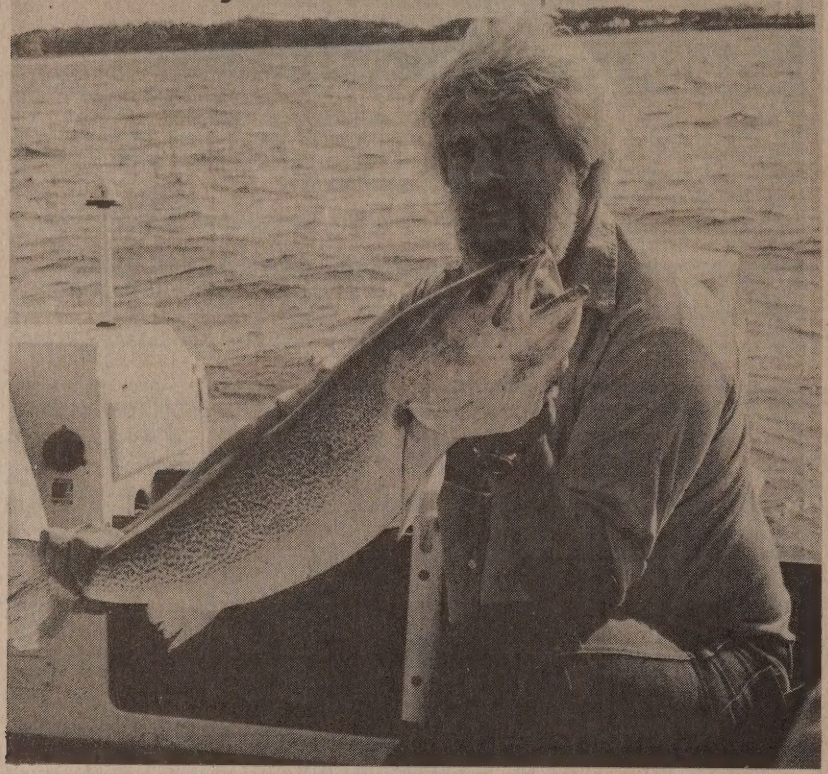

A stockbroker friend of mine, who fishes regularly, said to me, "We're in a bear market for weaks."

"I guess they're not like pork bellies," I answered. "The next time we go out, you short the weaks and I'll go long. If I catch a tiderunner, I win. If I don't, you win."

Unfortunately, when anglers bet on catching just one fish, you know the species isn't jumping into the boat. Yet although the trend of weakfishing is in decline, the demand for the fish is decidedly bullish. More and more fishermen are trying for tiderunners than ever before, in such places as the Peconics and Great South Bay. After all, who can resist speculating on a fish that sparkles like a golden trout and weighs over 8 pounds? Who can resist trying to catch this streamlined predator, especially from a small boat? During the height of the brief spring run in May, you have to make a reservation during a weekday to rent a skiff in the Peconics.

The weakfish is not a trout, however. It is a member of the drum family—an inshore species with yellow-orange anal and pelvic fins and assorted spots and ripples in purple, green, blue, orange and yellow streaking across the back and blending to a bronze sheen. The fish's thin upper jaw, which is recessed from the lower, may account for its regional name in New York. It is thin and delicate. However, some historians say that the species was originally called "wheatfish," because it was abundant during the fall harvest. In New England, the fish has retained its Indian name "squeteague," while down South it is called "sea trout, spotted trout, gray trout and yellowfin."

When weaks were abundant in the bays, they were like blue chip stocks in a roaring bull market. It was easy to "make a killing" in weaks during the 1950s. Although the tiderunners were smaller then, they were plentiful and during the summer the smaller fish clogged the shallows like today's snappers. Fishermen didn't have to hedge their bets by bringing along rigs for other species. Going weakfishing was a sure thing. Today, by contrast, you can fish an entire day, and not even see a weak. Yet, as my stockbroker friend knows all too well, as supplies dwindle, demand increases and numerous fishermen are willing to put in a hard day for this golden catch.

I know I am, whether in my stockbroker friend's boat or a rental skiff. There are certain advantages to fishing with my friend. We can try for weaks at the first sign of daylight, or we can search for them at dusk, two periods unavailable to the skiff renter. Yet I have often done fairly well in a rental boat, mostly by timing the trip with a tidal change early in the morning. Arriving at the fishing grounds about 1½ to 2 hours before either tide changes, the boat renter has a good chance to tangle with a tiderunner. He also has a second shot at the fish later in the afternoon, when the tide changes again. Tiderunners, as the name suggests, are most active around tidal changes, especially at dawn and dusk.

Of the big three—blues, stripers and weaks—the weakfish is the poorest fighter. Consequently, many fishermen scale down their tackle to a 7 foot spinning rod with a flexible tip and a reel such as the Daiwa BG-20, which holds 275 yards of 12 pound test. A conventional outfit in the 15 pound class works well with a reel such as the Penn 940.

Anglers use assorted lures and baited rigs for weakfishing. In the Peconics, I find that a small leadhead jig, such as a Mr. Twister or a Mann's Jellyworm rig, weighing 1/4 to 3/8 oz., is highly effective. The lure, with a 6 inch jellyworm in red, is sweetened with a whole sand worm. Other effective leadhead jigs are Tri-Fin Whiptails, S&G Tiger Tails, leadhead bucktails and various leadheads mounted with soft plastic tails resembling shrimp, grubs and sea worms. Favored colors are red, yellow and white, although there are days when green, grape and dark hues have the edge. The lures may be fished straight or sweetened with a sand worm or a long, pennant-shaped strip of squid. All these lures work best when tied directly to the running line with any standard knot.

Nonetheless, if there are high-risk speculators in the Peconics who fish with unsweetened lures and hedgers who add a natural bait to theirs, there are also conservative investors who go with bait alone. Squid strips and whole sandworms predominate although some people put their money on a whole squid head, tentacles and all. A typical weakfish rig consists of a 2/0 Beak hook snelled to a 3 foot leader of 30 pound test. An end loop on the running line secures a 2 to 5 ounce bank sinker, while a dropper loop, anywhere from 3 inches to a snell's length above the sinker, holds the snelled hook. The reason for this wide variation in the height of the hook is that weaks are found near the bottom as well as in mid-level water. Weaks swim higher than most drums. Some people, seeking compound interest, use a high-low rig for weaks, with the bottom hook 3 inches above the sinker and the top hook, on a second dropper, slightly more than a snell's length above. A leader of 30

pound test is recommended for his rig, since it cuts down on tangles. A three-way swivel connects the leader to the running line and also secures the top hook. Other conservatives truly hedge their bets by taking advantage of the brief spring run of humpback porgies, which coincides with the weakfish run in the Peconics. They may pick up some flounder as well. Replacing the bottom weakfish hook with a pair of tandem tied #4 Beak hooks snelled to 12 inch leaders of 30 pound test, the hedgers bait the hooks with morsels of sand worm or clam. This way, they fish simultaneously for several species.

Regardless of their preferences, most fishermen drift for weaks. They find a likely spot along the channels and dropoffs adjacent to sand bars, and drift across it. In the Peconics, on a windless day, drifts head west on the incoming tide and east on the outgoing. Spring's variable winds often play havoc with these directions, however. On one trip with my stockbroker friend, a westerly wind during the incoming tide slowed the drift to a crawl and sent the boat northwest. Later in the day, when the tide reversed, the same wind made his boat outperform an Alfa-Romeo. That day I won the bet. During the slower drift in the morning, we started southeast of buoy 30, off Robins Island, and I caught a tiderunner almost on top of the buoy.

Whether fishing with a lure or a natural bait, the angler works it the same way, and that is with a dead stick. Blues and bass may prefer dancing offerings, but tiderunners prefer theirs calm. Besides, the current and the drifting boat provide plenty of momentum.

Ever since the price of oil soared, my friend has generally favored fishing for weaks from an anchored boat. When I told him that this will not do, we made another bet. And this time he won, with a 12 jlb. tiderunner. After lowering a chum pot filled with ground bunker, we let out about 75 feet of line from the anchored boat. It was almost slack tide when he had a hit. And let me say that although many people find weakfish poor fighters, from an anchored boat they put on quite a show.

There are numerous places to try for tiderunners in the Peconics, from the South Race in the west to Shelter Island in the east. The South Race, which is south of Robins Island, is marked by a major channel between buoys 25 in the east and 30 in the west. Another channel is closer to the south shore mainland, between the Dumps and the Sandslide, a patch of yellow on a green bluff. Also worth trying here is the long point that extends off the southeastern tip of Robins, where rough, shallow water suddenly drops off. In general, weakfish favor depths of about 20 feet.

Heading east, you will soon arrive at Rose's Grove on the South Fork. A sand bar is located here, between a prominent tower on the mainland and the Sandslide. On the north side of the bay, opposite the tower, is Nassau Point, which resembles the sand point off Robins Island.

From Rose's Grove to the Middle Grounds is only a short distance to the northeast. Here, turbulent water formed by the rips off Jessup Neck, a 2½ mile peninsula off the South Fork, suddenly drops to over 90 feet in places. Because of the turbulence and great depth, some fishermen try diamond jigging for tiderunners in this area. Unlike speed jigging for blues, jigging for weaks is performed in slow motion, more suited to the long-term investor than the quick trader. There are two other areas worth trying here: the west side of Shelter Island and the west side of Jessup Neck. At the former, the Greenlawns is a good spot. Two identical houses on identical, rising lawns mark the spot. At Jessup, there are two fishtraps along the cove formed on the west side, and party boats are often seen here drifting for weaks.

Today, the weakfish run has been reduced from a month to about 10 days, beginning more or less in the middle of May. Keep this in mind and plan your trip carefully. Weakfishing is a long, hard day's work. You won't make a killing in this stock, but the quality is reward enough.

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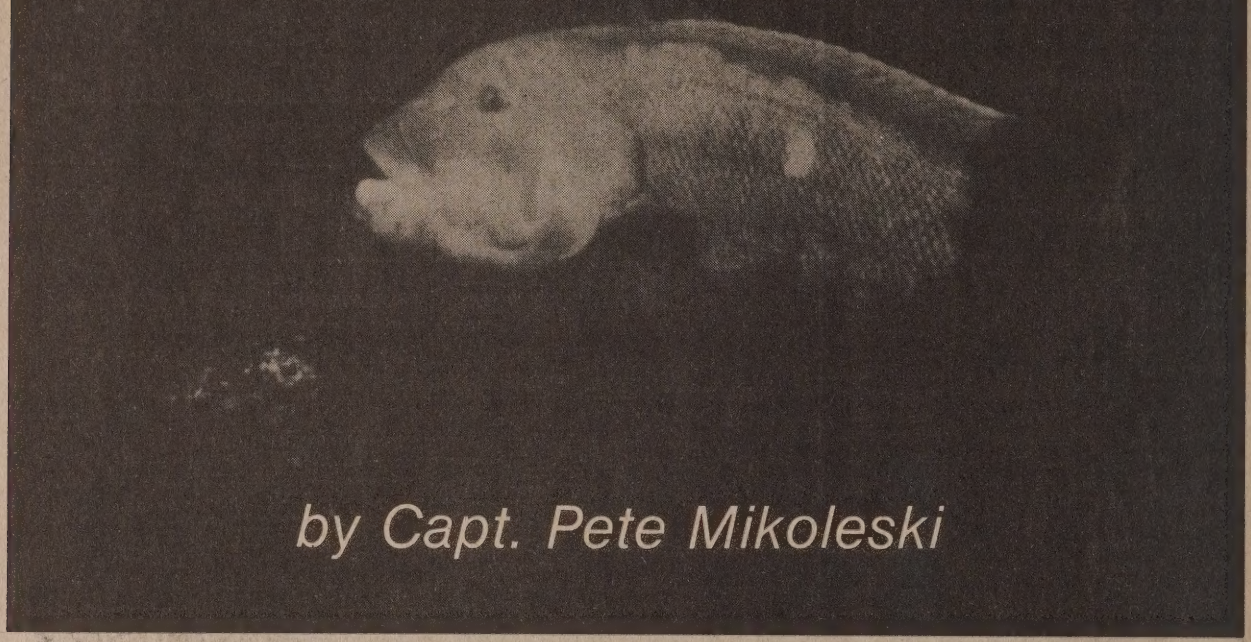


by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

Just when our spring flounder catches exhibit the first signs of slacking off, it's time to welcome another piscatorial visitor aboard. Squadrons of **Tautoga onitis** (more commonly referred to as "blackfish" round these parts) start their annual spring migration inshore, as soon as the water temperature can be coaxed into the mid-50s. After wintering offshore in deeper water, their mission is to locate some suitable shallow water bottom structure that will provide them with both food and cover in the weeks ahead. It is no secret that the remains of the many shipwrecks that dot the south shore of Long Island become prime structure for migrating tog. These decaying hulks become the first essential ingredient in the biological food chain which attracts algae, barnacles, mussels and other crustaceans which, in turn, becomes food for bottom dwellers like blackfish, sea bass and the pesky bergall!

The "Tea Wreck" is actually the local nickname for the British Freighter "Acara" which ran aground in a heavy gale on March 1, 1902. Its final resting place is in about 25 feet of water approximately 3/4 of a nautical mile due east of Jones Inlet. Because it is so close to the inlet and it is so easy to find, it has earned the distinction of becoming one of the most popular wrecks on the south shore.

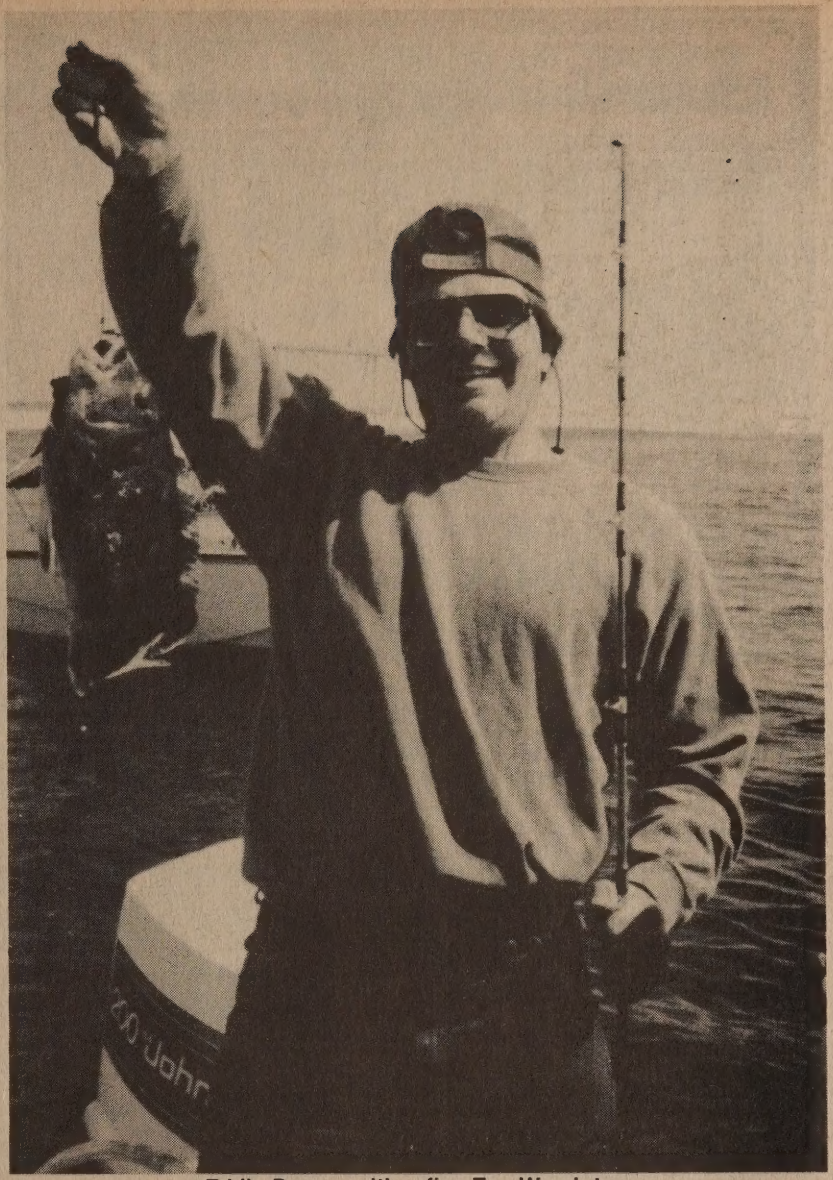
Due to the effects of raging seas, the remains of the Tea Wreck are rather small and can only support a few boats at any one time. So if you're serious about fishing this wreck successfully, you better get it in gear! This wreck is an excellent early producer if you can catch it before the constant angling pressure which it endures takes its toll. It is also imperative to be the first one on the scene so you can position yourself over the hot piece. Whenever we plan an expedition to the Tea Wreck, we approach it with the same tenacity and precision as we would an offshore trip for a big mako! This may sound a bit far-fetched, but finding "the hot piece" is the only way to make the trip pay off. Inventory is taken the day before and we make sure that we have more than enough terminal tackle on board for this is one sticky wreck. Fresh bait is procured the night before so we can break the inlet at first light. If this seems like we are trying to make much ado about nothing, wait till the first time you pull up to the Tea Wreck at nine o'clock on a beautiful Saturday morning. It'll look like the eastbound lane of the LIE on a hot Friday afternoon.

The published numbers for the Tea Wreck are 26800.5/43750.5 and they should put you right on the money. Approach the site carefully and drop your marker buoy as close to those numbers as you can. Now it's just a matter of locating the exact position of the wreck with your chart recorder. Use the marker buoy as a reference point and start your search pattern with your eyes glued to your recorder. The wreck should print out clearly and come up about 7 or 8 feet off the bottom. If you want a shore range you should be almost abeam of a bright blue beach shack in about 25 feet of water a comfortable distance beyond the surf line. The intended target is also betrayed by a distinct brown stain which is sometimes visible on the surface of the water under ideal conditions. This is where you want to drop another marker. Legend has it that the stain emanating from the wreck is from its old cargo of tea that the Acara was transporting from China to Freeport when she went down. Sounds good, but in actuality the stain is comprised of suspended sand and silt driven up from the bottom by the surging seas. Anchoring directly over the wreck (right next to your second buoy) will probably be the trickiest part of the whole exercise. If there is little or no wind it should be easy enough. However, if conflicting wind and currents prevent you from snuggling up to your buoy, you might try this little trick. Come right up to your marker and take the boat out of gear. Let the prevailing wind and current carry your boat a couple of hundred feet away from your buoy. Now head directly for the marker on a straight line and note your compass course. Continue on

this course **past the wreck** until you have enough room to drop and set your anchor. Drop the hook and try to set it as quickly as you can. This little maneuver should drop you right back on the mark. Most of the bottom around the perimeter of the wreck is hard sand, so make sure you allow yourself enough room for the anchor to dig in.

It is definitely not beyond the realm of possibility to lose your anchor on the Tea Wreck. I'm talking from experience here, since I donated two anchors to the Acara last season! If you should get "hooked" in the wreck, it's a pretty good bet that the jagged edges or sharp barnacles encrusted all over the wreck will make short work of your anchor line. Some knowledgeable skippers who fish this wreck regularly, locate it by dragging a grappling hook and using it as an anchor. A cheap inexpensive throw-away grappling hook can be made from some bent steel reinforcing rods mounted in a coffee can that's filled with cement. Another approach is to modify your own hook and rig it as a wreck anchor. All you have to do is remove the shackle from its customary position at the end of the shank. Then drill a hole (large enough to fit the shackle) about 3 inches from the opposite end of the shank. Insert the shackle and connect the anchor chain. Now lay the chain along the shank of the anchor and secure it to the hole where the shackle originally was with some light cord. A nylon wire tie also works great. This keeps the anchor chain aligned along the shank while the anchor functions as usual until you get stuck. When this happens, run upcurrent at a slight angle to your anchor. Continue on past it at a slow and steady pace. When there is enough pressure on the light cord or nylon wire tie, it will snap, release the chain and USUALLY allow it to pull free from the obstruction in the opposite direction. This little modification could save many an anchor. It's at least worth a shot if you plan to do a fair amount of wreck fishing.

Once you are right over the wreck, action should be forthcoming immediately. If indeed there are any fish inhabiting that part of the wreck, you'll know right away. If you don't have any hits within 5 or 10 minutes, it's time to try another part of the wreck. "Always remember to try and fish the stain." Before you go through the backbreaking exercise to trying to re-anchor, try letting out more anchor line. Believe it or not, only 10 to 15 feet can make the difference! One other thing, forget about trying to muscle in on someone else's fish. It just won't work. I have experienced days on this wreck when boats were anchored so close to each other that we could shake hands. One boat would be bailing blackfish while the other just picked a few. Believe me, I know how frustrating this can be because I've been on both sides of the fence. But there's not a darn thing you can do, except of course, to get there first! So don't try to horn in on someone else's territory. That's what we call good "wreck etiquette." I know playing with your anchor is going to be back-breaking work, but whoever said this game was going to be easy.



Eddie Ryman with a fine Tea Wreck tog.

Your standard blackfish rig, two tandem tied #5 or #6 Virginia hooks about 3 inches above a suitable weight bank sinker is all the terminal tackle you'll need. Figure on using sinkers between 4 to 6 ounces depending on the strength of the current. Make sure you use enough lead that will keep your hooks firmly implanted on the bottom. No self-respecting blackfish is going to chase a bait that's bouncing around down there. While we're discussing terminal tackle, there is one little modification to your rig that's very helpful when fishing over sticky bottom. Tie a simple overhand knot in your line somewhere between your sinker and hooks. If you should get stuck in the wreck, the cutting action of the overhand knot will pop your line and you'll be spared the loss of an eight cents an ounce sinker. At least you'll save your hooks. While we're on the subject of hooks, make sure you constantly touch up the points of the hooks with a file and keep them sharp. Banging around on all those bottom obstructions and trying to penetrate those crab shells will dull any hook in no time. It's tough enough to infiltrate the tough rubbery lips of "Old Chisel Tooth" with a sharp hook. A dull hook just won't cut the mustard.

I like 20 lb. test mono for this type of shallow water wreck fishing. A little heavy perhaps, when you consider your average fish will run about 2 or 3 pounds. But if you want to pry your share of tog from a wreck, you'll have to muscle these fish. Besides there are enough 4 and 5 lb. fish inhabiting the cozy confines of the Acara to keep it interesting. A six

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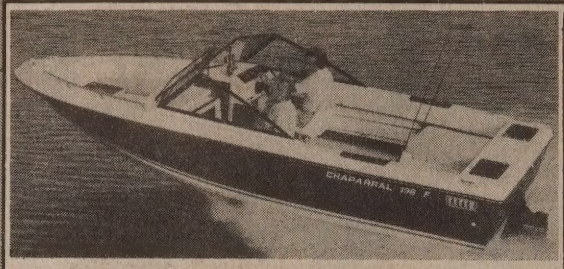
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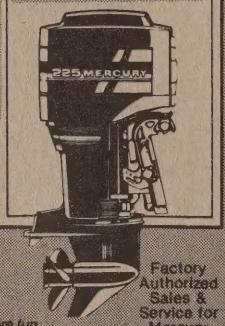
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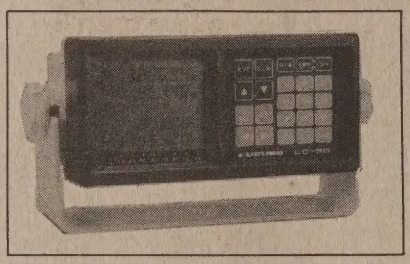
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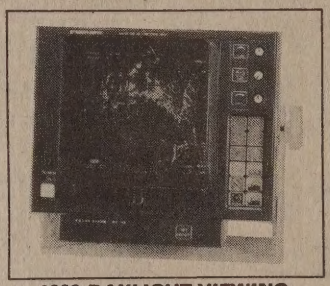
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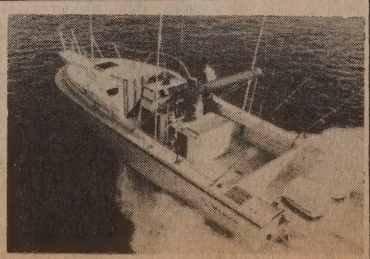
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pounder usually settles the pool. I'd strongly recommend a conventional reel on a fast taper rod that has enough power to stop a wayward tog right in its tracks. If your reel suffers from a stuttering drag, you're going to get a lot of knot tying practice.

Fiddler crabs are your best all around bait on the Tea Wreck. However, if you forked over a dollar for the pool, I'd find my own quiet part of the boat and bait up with a big piece of green or calico crab. Those big, old gray tog prefer to dine in solitude. Sometimes, these big old fish show a decided preference for a more simple one hook rig. Making decisions must be tough at their ripe old age. When all else fails, try a soft clam bait.

Quick reflexes and the aforementioned fast taper rod is what will put fish in your bucket. The secret to hooking these crafty bottom dwellers is to keep your line tight and your rig motionless on the bottom at all times. Don't wait to feel the bite, watch your rod tip! As soon as you "see" that blackfish bang on your rod tip, "cross his eyes." Forget about waiting for that second tug. Wreck tog seem to bite differently. If you wait, your bait will be history.

As long as the water temperature is in the ball park, there should be fish on the wreck. Try to avoid fishing this wreck right after unsettled weather. Big seas tend to roil the water with so much silt and suspended sand that the fishing will stop cold! In or outgoing tide? It really doesn't matter, as long as you have moving water the fish will bite. If you experience a lull at slack water, don't fret. The action should pick up right where it left off after the tide changes. It might be a good time to have lunch. According to my log, 3 out of 4 trips made to the Tea Wreck at the end of May rated as excellent by our standards. The fourth one only rated a very good! The best part about these early treks to the Tea Wreck is the non-existence of those pesky bergalls. They were definitely conspicuous by their absence. Once the water temperature has risen sufficiently enough to sustain a healthy population of bergalls, your productive days on the Tea Wreck will become short in number.

During the warmer months it might also pay to make a quick stop at the Tea Wreck. Schools of rampaging blues frequent the waters around the wreck. One super summer day my recorder lit up with a huge school of fish hovering over the wreck. Imagine my surprise to find the wreck infested with triggerfish! Definitely a warm water species and an infrequent visitor to our waters. But there they were, all you could want. Talk about a feisty little fish!

So when you've stocked the freezer with flounder fillets and you want to add a little variety to your angling adventures, I can think of no better way to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the sinking of the Acara than by filling the cooler with some "Tea Wreck Tog."

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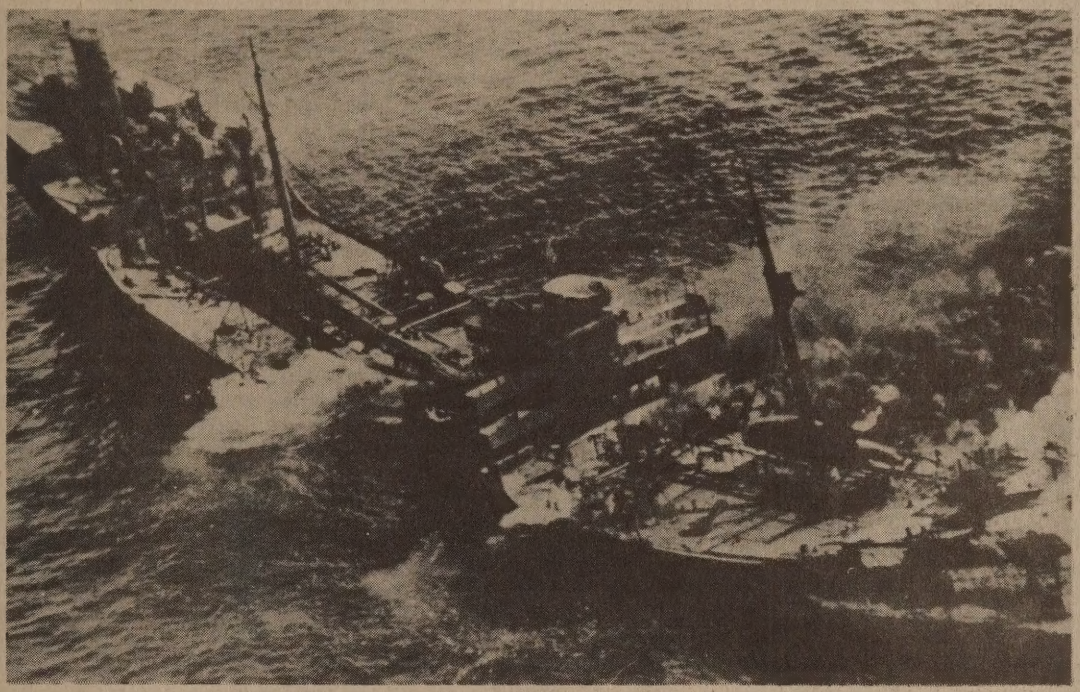

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2160 ARB	6 AFTCO® roller guides & tip top. Curved AFTCO® machined aluminum Unibutt®	White	6'0"	50-80	30TW, 50T, 50TW, 50SW
2155 USG	7 Fuji® USG silicon carbide guides & tip top. AFTCO® machined aluminum reel seat.	White	5'6"	40-100	30TW, 50T, 50TW, 50SW
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80S	2255 AR	116A	3960 RCS
80SW	2255 AR	116	3960 RCS

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CONEY ISLAND'S FLOAT WORM BASS

by Lewis Sotham

The large sign over me read, "Nathan's Famous" as my eyes were slowly taking in the sights of this not so pretty piece of Brooklyn real estate. Some people were getting their concessions ready for the new season, but it seemed to be without much enthusiasm. Across the street was the NYC Subway system, which during the course of the year, literally millions of people make their exit and entrance onto this famous peninsula. Most come to take advantage of a tranquil body of water that is blessed with some three miles of not quite unspoiled beaches, but a venerable paradise compared to the interior of the city. Sun, surf, amusements and refreshments to while away a Sunday afternoon is still what Coney Island is to a majority of visitors; to others it is much more.

The three young boys emerging from the subway immediately captured my attention. They were wearing rolled down hip boots, the top half of their rain suits and each carried a one-handed spinning outfit which, when they crossed the street, showed some very fancy custom wrapping. A flashback is never realized until it is over and when it was, I realized these boys were about to fish the area that was the foundation of my angling life. How eight years of fishing, seven nights a week from April to October, can pass through your mind in seconds amazed me. But when they walked by me on their way to the jetties, I knew twenty years of my life had also passed. It was then that I vowed to fish this area again as soon as possible.

Without going into superlatives on just how good the fishing was, let me just say that after the first year of getting to know the seven jetties I fished regularly, I can count the times on my fingers when I did not catch bass. Granted that there were not many fish taken that were over 20 pounds (it was usually teen-sized bass that won the contests sponsored by the local tackle shops), but the numbers were impressive, even by "good old day" standards.

I have since moved out to the South Shore of Long Island. There have been many days and nights of throwing bucktails out with my head bowed into the wind, drifting cut or live bait under bridges and in the surf, and with the exception of wire-

lining umbrella rigs, applying most other methods associated with striped bass fishing on the northeast coast. But by far, my finest hours for consistency and enjoyment were the calm jetties of Coney Island.

Unless someone can prove otherwise, I am of the belief that the worm and float method of bass fishing is the most effective and foolproof way of catching school bass in shallow water that I have yet to see.

While I'm sure this technique was not devised here, I have a feeling it was here that it was perfected. Float fishing starts usually in late April and lasts into mid-August or whenever snappers, tinker mackerel, etc., get to be a problem. Plugging then takes over as the dominant method of fishing.

At the risk of sounding narrow-minded, I also think that the old Pflueger Mustang and Pal-o-mine plugs in the Blue Mullet or Redhead series were the most productive school bass lures ever devised. If you still have some laying around, by all means use them or else send them to me.

Back to reality and Coney Island 1984. Realistically, I knew that I would not be climbing these jetties again. Agility aside, one factor I did not mention is that four of those seven jetties are completely submerged one hour before the top of an average tide. The remaining three have only several rocks exposed and these would be extremely slippery. Even on low water, all the rocks are lopsided and/or pointy and completely moss-covered. Some mountain climbing expeditions might have it easier.

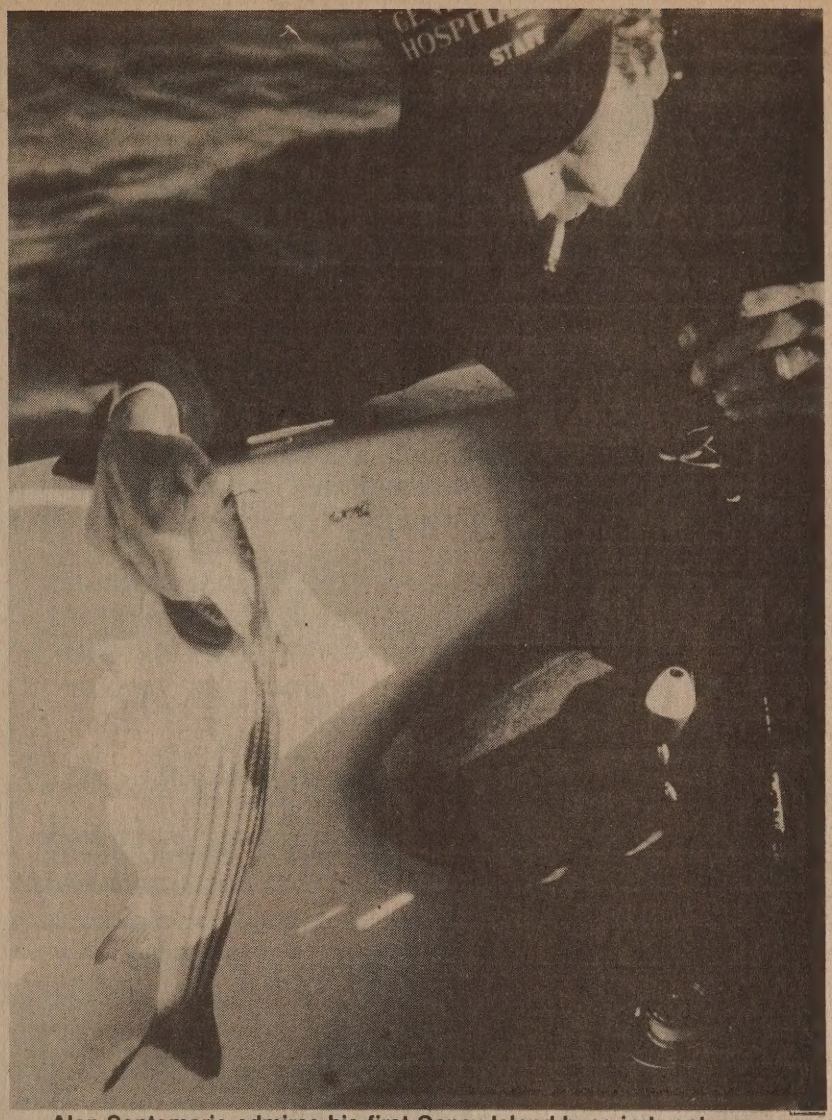
A second fact I did not mention is because of the state of the world, two rods are usually needed. The first is a light one-handed spinning or plug casting outfit of around 6 feet and a reel spooled with 8 to 12 pound test. The second is licensed and the caliber is of personal choice.

I'm not trying to come off as a cynical person, it is just that Coney Island is an area for a skilled rock climber who can wait out a tide perched on one rock and have the ability and confidence of handling himself in any situation he might encounter on a side street of New York City. There obviously are not many of us reading this who can feel comfortable in this setting. Fortunately, there are other alternatives.

The New York Bight has one of the largest small boat populations on the East Coast. Sandy Hook, New Jersey, Staten Island and Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn are all 5 to 15 minutes away, not to mention the boats from western Long Island only one-half hour away in calm seas.

Many articles are written about the "Tin Can Grounds," Romer Shoals, the Atlantic Highlands and the many other productive areas of this region, but Coney Island is closer, calmer and hardly ever fished by the "fleet."

Every so often you will see some boats anchored off the old Half Moon Hotel on a wreck for blackfish. You might see boats working the "Coney Island Flats" for fluke and weakfish, plus the hordes working Norton's Point for jumbo bluefish, but hardly ever will you see a boat that is actually working the jetties for bass.



Alan Santamaria admires his first Coney Island bass in twenty years.

Sometimes putting a plan or a thought into action takes longer than it should. It wasn't until September, 1985 that I was able to fish the area of my youth. I, too, have been guilty of bypassing the area of Coney Island countless times to fish the other areas I have mentioned. I also wanted the next time I fished it to be special. Special to me meant going back with someone who remembered it as I did.

Alan Santamaria grew up in Sea Gate, which is the extreme western tip of the Coney Island peninsula. Although only three blocks separated our homes in those early days, there was a metal fence surrounding Sea Gate (still the case) and the effect was definitely that of a border. Competition was always present, but very friendly.

I mentioned my plans to Alan after my Nathan's experience (we now work together) and he was somewhat skeptical. "Twenty years is a long time and the bass fishing there is not going to be what it was."

I fish and read enough to know that I didn't expect a bonanza, but I wanted to give it a shot. Especially if we picked the right morning with the tides and wind in our favor.

We picked September 14th because we had an 8AM tide and we figured the cooler weather would set in by then. It was also the only day we could shake free together before another month passed. The week before had temperatures in the 90s five days straight. On that Thursday, a cold front moved in and the northeast wind cooled things off a bit. Two days later and 50 degrees cooler, we met at his boat in Sheepshead Bay at 5AM. We both stood by the dock in the first 40 degree morning we had in six months and decided that fresh donuts and hot coffee were the first order of things; that plus the fact that his running lights were out of commission.

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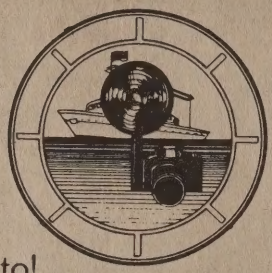

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Time was not of the essence. Sunrise was around six thirty and the run to the first jetty that I wanted to fish was only ten minutes away. One-half hour later I was much warmer but feeling apprehensive about the next couple of hours.

As we crossed Rockaway Inlet, we ran close to the beach on our way west. We already saw that conditions were going to be ideal and Alan eased the pressure on me by saying "Even if we don't get fish, we'll never see many mornings as beautiful as this one. I'm just glad to be out here."

Arriving at the first jetty to be fished (the second one west of the Steeplechase Pier), Alan brought the boat ten yards off the beach and the same distance off the west side of the jetty. What little wind we had was out of the north, directly offshore which allowed for perfect drifts right out.

If conditions were anything other than ideal, we would have given the beach and jetties a much wider berth. If the winds had any south to them, we would have anchored into the tip of the rocks. The sand bottom does make this fairly easy with its good holding ground.

Ten minutes and two drifts later, I was feeling dejected. Alan was float fishing while I was plugging. Neither of us had received a hit. Since Alan wasn't being bothered by the bait fish, I also changed over to a float rig. We fished just two drifts a jetty, as I still believed it was all we needed if there were fish present.

It was at the tip of the 29th Street jetty that my float did its disappearing act. Taking up the slack, I set the hook. A lot of resistance, but no initial run. I sheepishly asked Alan to net the 3 lb fluke.

We were now off the 37th Street jetty which separates Sea Gate and Coney Island when Alan hooked a fish. "It's a bass!" he grinned and then pointed to the beach. We were on the west side of the jetty and in Sea Gate, not Coney Island. Adding insult to injury, he picked up a couple of more bass (all shorts) while I caught two more fluke.

Some readers might be surprised by fluke on the sand worm and float, but the depth of the water we were fishing runs from 4 to 9 feet. In these shallow areas, fluke will take almost anything presented, including much larger plugs meant for bass, cut and sometimes whole bunker meant for weakfish and on two separate occasions, poppers in the early morning. Now that surprised me!

Just a few words about tackle. It's a light outfit area for some, ultra-light for others. Four to eight pound test is adequate as plugs are usually 3/4 oz. or lighter and the float rigs will add ulp to 3/8 oz. plus the weight of the worms.

For those masochists who will be fishing the jetties, I recommend going to 10 to 12 pound test as you tie hooks directly to the line and the higher test will stand the abrasion of the rocks.

Sand or seaworms are definitely the

first choice when floating; the exceptions being that the latest shipments didn't arrive in the best of health or their sizes are too small. Also, when you expect to fish in conditions that are going to be windy, the tougher blood worm will stand up better when casting against the wind.

Small plugs, poppers, and bucktails up to 1¼ oz. are all you need in artificials. As has been said many times, "pork rind is the key on the bucktails—don't leave home without it."

Always have a nylon-covered wire leader or 30 pound shocker on your person because the chances are good that decent sized bluefish can move in at any time and you could go through your whole arsenal in a very short time.

At around 9AM, the wind switched around to the southwest. We decided to make the short run to the Coney Island flats to try for the weakfish we had heard were there the day before. I set up high hook rigs, using 2 oz. bucktails as the sinkers and three foot leaders around three feet off the bottom. Some party boats and a dozen or so private craft were already working the area when we arrived, but it seemed that fluke were the order of the day.

As all we had was a flat of sandworms, we were at a disadvantage. True, we could have filleted one of the fluke, but we were not going to remain out much longer and we were just as content to drift and reflect on the morning we had had.

I'm sure we would have gotten a lot more bass, but the engines in the skinny water had to take its toll on spooked fish. The numbers weren't large nor were the fish, and we really didn't give some jetties a fair chance. I guess what we really wanted was our youthful memories back for a couple of hours.

Surprisingly, as I looked at the Coney Island skyline, I saw joggers on the boardwalk and on the beach, some people spreading their blankets on the sand for a sunny day getting much warmer by the minute and several fishermen walking the jetties on a now outgoing tide. It still looked tranquil, almost pretty, and it still has fish.

Editor's Note: Recently enacted striped bass regulations for the 1987 season include a one fish bag limit and a 33 inch size limit. Due to the 33 inch size limit, most of the stripers taken here will fall short of the legal size limit. If you decide to participate in this predominantly catch and release fishery, please handle all stripers gently and return them to the water immediately with as little handling as possible. Any hook (when worm fishing) that is not easily removed, should have its snell clipped as close to the fish as possible. Crushing or filing down the barbs on artificials will expedite releasing these fish. Single hooked lures such as leadhead jigs are ideally suited to catch and release fishing.

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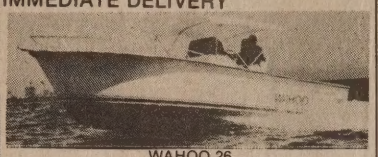
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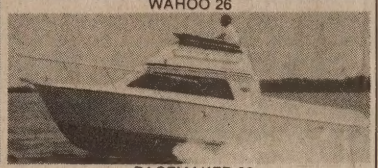
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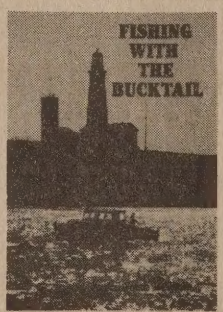

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THE SPRING SURF

by William A. Muller

Persistent surfmen find early season plug action along North Shore beaches.

The surf fishing season generally gets rolling around May 1st of each year in Long Island Sound. There are places and warm springs when reliable catches of bass begin to be taken in April and occasionally even March, but if we exclude the atypical, the first of May sounds true.

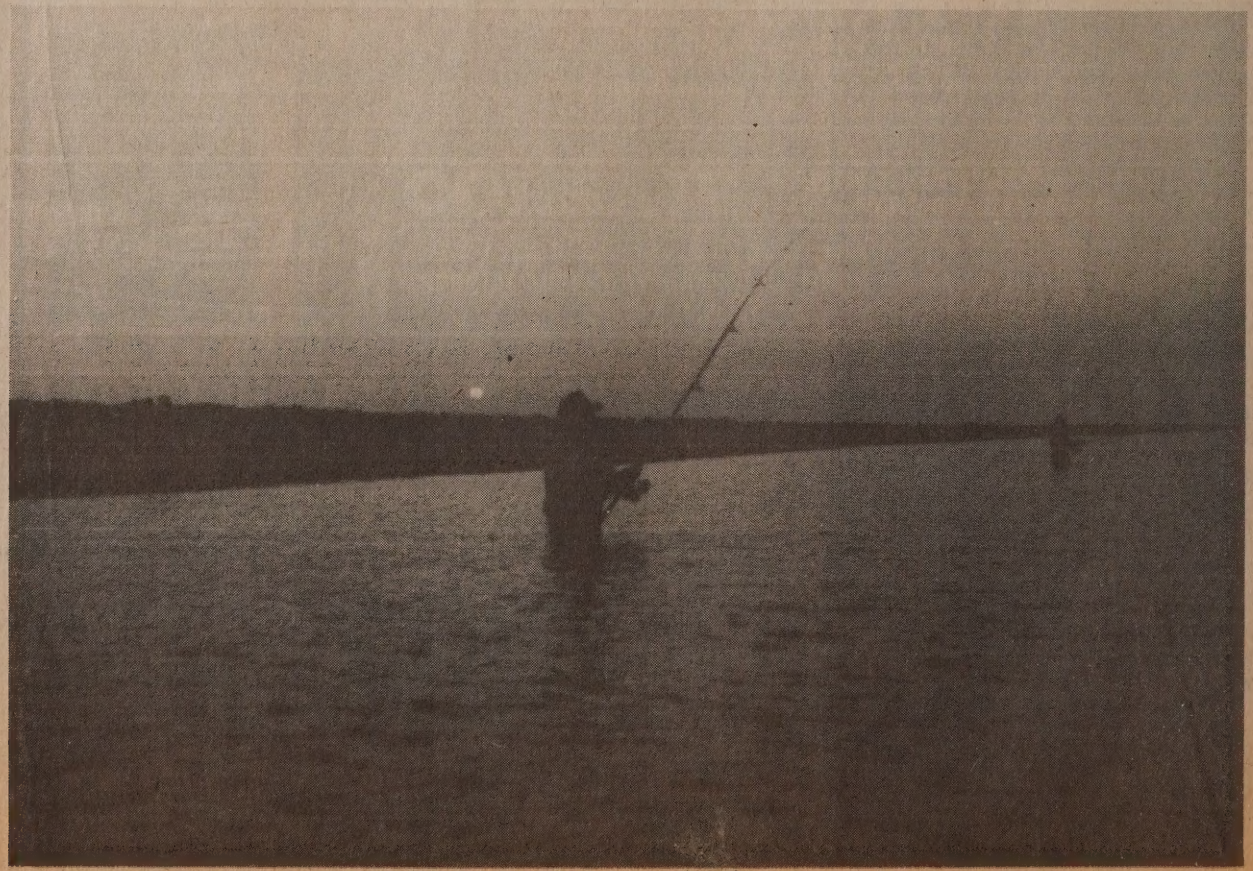
Of course, decades ago the season usually began along the south shore beaches as huge schools of small bass began migrating past the sand beaches. Worms were the ticket then, but that kind of surf fishing is only a memory now.

Time was when spring fishing in the Sound was a lot different too. We used to cast worms to stripers in Little Neck Bay as early as late March with considerable confidence. This is still a good bet, but there are fewer and fewer surf fishermen who try it each year. For those dedicated to artificials, vast shoals of large spearing roamed the shallows of Oyster Bay as early as the first few weeks of April. These same seven inch baitfish were also along many Sound beaches by the first of May, so that 5 and 7 inch Rebels, RedFins, Rapalas, etc., too many fish; and some of them were impressive. However, these huge schools of spearing haven't been around for a number of years (about 15 or 16 actually), and that has changed the complexion of the game. Sand eels rule the roost these days!

By mid-May, blackfish of all sizes would be in the inshore rock piles and there were enough real small blackfish around to entice decent sized bass out of the depths to feed along the shoreline at night. We'd switch from silver, yellow and blue Rebels and the like, to black 7 inch plugs, or small black Atoms, Dannys, or one of several homemade stocky plugs.

By the time June rolled around, there were bunker in the Sound in enough abundance to make them the single most important attraction at times. The bass feeding on bunker would be bigger, of course, so during that 5 to 7 day period around the June moon we'd break out the 11 foot sticks and the 3 and 4 ounce white plugs. The Junior Atoms, the Atom 40, the larger Danny plugs. etc. Once in awhile, the mackerel would be thick instead of the bunker, so we'd stow the bunker plugs in favor of mackerel finished plugs.

Well, enough folklore. That's the way it was. In retrospect, I realize how much easier the surf fishing was then: I didn't appreciate that fact at the time! There were more fish and the bait allowed a surf fisherman to work the feeding bass more effectively. Today we have mostly sand eels. That fact in and of itself is okay; what the hell, bait is bait! In the early and



Much of the best action occurs after the sun goes down.

mid-1970s we'd start out the way we also start out now with sand eels. That is, the bait is one or two inches long. Yet, by June it would be 4 or 5 inches long and by the end of June these baitfish would be 6 to 8 inches long. The last 6 to 8 years or so it seems that as soon as the sand eels start to grow, they disappear to be replaced by new schools of one and two inch baitfish.

Those small baits are tough on the surf fisherman. The predators can't pick out individual sand eels because individual fish are lost in the blackened mass of the school. So, they roam under the school and rise up now and again to gulp huge mouthfuls of small sand eels. As individual sand eels are lost in the mass of sand eelism, so, too, is your plug. Teasers help because they match the hatch, size-wise. Still, if your teaser is not visible it won't work.

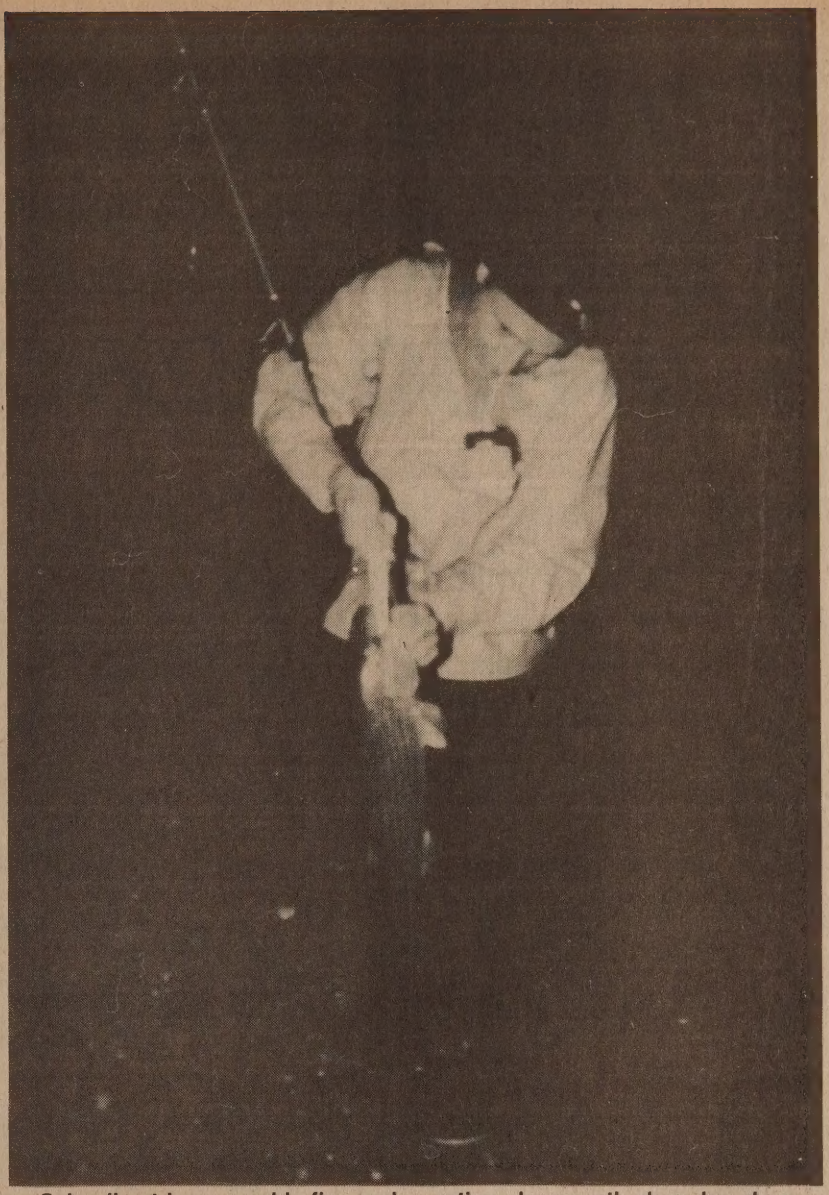
Typically, the better fishing is at night during the last few hours of the ebb and the first few hours of the flood. The surf rat is fishing in skinny water. The fly rodder can get that fly down below the sand eels without hanging up on the bottom. Pluggers have a problem with this since a floating plug will keep the teaser near the top, and sinking plug will hang the bottom because we must reel very very slowly.

Therein lies the horns of the dilemma. The fish are there, but the techniques and equipment at our disposal aren't all that conducive to the situation. A fisherman can cast for hours at bass and perhaps weaks (later in spring) only to catch nothing or perhaps a fish or two that happened to inhale your plug while rising to feed. The odds aren't in our favor folks!

Let's cut down the odds, shall we? Can we do this? If you are fishing over sand bottom that isn't littered with typical spring seaweed masses, you can fish that sinking plug, or a small needlefish plug. Be sure to tie a teaser onto your leader as per your usual habit. I like four inch teasers made of bucktail (sparse, not heavy), on a #1 short-shank hook. Black is a good color, but in recent years I have taken a shine to hot pink, believe it or not! Actually, that's not as weird as it sounds. I was turned on to hot pink by a few very well known surf fishermen.

Another way to cut down the odds is to use small plugs, whether you need to cast sinkers or floaters. One and two inch plugs demand a retreat from standard 10 pound test tackle. One-handed spinning gear or light bait casting tackle with 4 or 6 pound test line will match better to those tiny plugs. If you can show these small artificials to the fish by getting below, over or around the sand eel masses, you'll probably catch.

Sometimes conditions don't favor the use of sinking plugs, but a spoonbill plug will get under the bait and avoid hanging up. Remember, the faster you retrieve the deeper the plug runs. If there is a decent current these plugs will become a problem in skinny water. They are best tested in calm water, but they will work out okay over gravel. The spoonbill causes the nose of the plug to point down, thus the hooks stay clear of the bottom. The spoonbill lip will bounce off the small rocks and gravel, but sometimes this can really get the fish excited.



Schoolie stripers provide fine spring action along north shore beaches.

A final suggestion that has worked for me when small baits are dominant. This technique has proven valuable when both small sand eels and cinder worms were the prey. Cast out a floating plug (size will depend upon a variety of conditions), let it rest on the surface for a moment, then crank it rapidly for a half dozen turns. This fast crank will cause the lure to dive. It should get down several feet. When you stop the retrieve the lure will rise slowly towards the surface. It is during the rise that most of the hits will come. The technique attracts the attention of a feeding predator in several ways. First the sudden dive of the plug from a standing position scares the baitfish and scatters them, leaving an open space in the water which, in turn, allows the predator to see the lure. The rapid lunge towards the bottom in an open area of water catches the eye of the predator. Then, when the lure floats towards the surface, the lure appears injured and a very easy mark. This recipe is just too good for a self-respecting predator to pass up.

The bottom line of all this is not to get frustrated. Stick with those feeding bass, blues and weaks even if they don't hit your plug for hours at a time. Experiment with different sizes of plugs, change the retrieve from slow to medium to fast. Try different colors of plugs and teasers. Move away from the middle of the school to the edges, etc., etc., etc. If you hang in there, you'll sooner or later discover something that will succeed to one degree or another.

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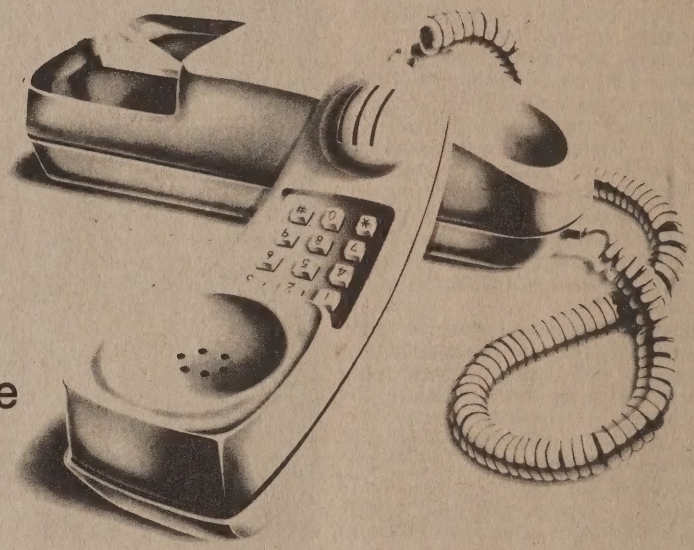

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ANGLING GARBAGE

by Carl Buxbaum

The southeastern fringe of Brooklyn was very much a frontier during the late 1940s and 50s: it was the margin between pressing metropolitan sprawl and the salt marshes and tidal creeks that slipped off into Jamaica Bay.

Major streets in that transition zone displayed all the markings of urban life: old trolley tracks and cobblestones poked through skimpy layers of blacktop that were supposed to welcome the gloriously modern age following World War II. The curbsides were littered with cigarette butts, cigar bands, waxed paper squares (on which hot dogs were served to snacking pedestrians), paper cones that held salted French fries, the scalloped little cardboard drums from which charlottes were eaten, and broken glass from Mission Soda bottles.

But when you got tired of the filth, the belching buses, and the deafening clatter of elevated subway trains, you could always walk south.

First, you saw goats and cows at a few dairy farms that were remnants of another time. Next, you reached the marshland flats. The nearest few yards were clogged by jumbles of old tires, broken crates, and rusted bicycle frames; beyond that, though, tall stands of fragmites marked the edges of tidal creeks. Moving on towards the creeks, the garbage of the city thinned and you might see a rabbit or a pheasant. If you peeked through the reeds, you'd see herons and egrets doing their marionette-like dances as they fed in the creeks. If your approach was clumsy or abruptly intrusive, they'd flap off and launch into elegant flight. There were killies and eels in the water; you could see them, and other fish, too, maybe white perch. The marsh offered a wonderful respite.

Yet the imperialistic city pushed on relentlessly, consuming more and more of the salt marsh. Housing projects and individual dwellings cropped up on the south side of Linden Boulevard. And the farms were gobbled up. New streets, with strange names, were created. Then the hungry metropolis jumped another barrier, Flatlands Avenue.

Worst of all was the intensification of the southern assault on the marsh, striking right at its soft underbelly—a major portion was designated as a landfill. Cities are said to be economically productive, but in no area do they seem as productive as they are at generating garbage.

By the second half of the 50s, there were few pristine areas, and the only wildlife roaming unspoiled, residual pockets were intimidating dog packs, composed of abandoned pets, runa-

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ways and their completely wild offspring.

I was a teen-ager by then and found that a bit of nature could still be found on horseback. The Rocking Horse Stable rented remarkably stupid and ugly nags that would neither walk, nor canter, nor gallop; they responded to neither reins, nor spurs; they assured only a bone bashing new form of riding—except when you headed back to the stable—then they galloped, when you were too beaten up to hold on. But by working at it, you could get one of those beasts all the way down to the bay—during a Friday Night Special. If you went out after 7PM on Fridays, you had the horse till midnight, at the price of a single hour's rental. It was still a lot of money back then, about three bucks, and I had to save for each trip.

Now there's a housing development where the Rocking Horse Stable used to be, and the landfill is a mountain range; actually, it looks like an elevated strip mine.

So, if you grew up on the Brooklyn frontier, you learned to love nature and go into a rage at the slightest sign of human disrespect for it, which is usually seen in the form of litter.

These days, I go to great extremes to avoid the indications of urban and suburban imperialism. But I still find styrofoam cups floating on favorite bass ponds and heaps of beer cans in hollows between dunes along otherwise pristine beaches. And I have fits. Kids, barbarians, people who never learned the joys of outdoor activities—they were the culprits, I told myself. Certainly, no fisherman, no hunter, no sportsman would demonstrate such utter disregard for our environment. Well, I was wrong. At least some sportsmen, though few of them may realize it, contribute to the mess.

You see, the kind of garbage left behind can reveal the source of the offense. It doesn't take much of a detective to know who to blame for the hundred yards of monofilament line tangled around the axles and brake calipers of a beach vehicle. Real heavy line tells you it was probably from a boat based angler. Twenty pound test or less and it may have been cut off by a surfcaster. On the freshwater scene, empty lure packages and finer mono are found near boat launching sites and along banks. No surf washed it ashore after a lure snagged, and the line **had** to be broken. Here is a clear sign of simple, avoidable dumping: someone thought it was too much trouble to stuff a clump of balled line or a plug box in his pocket for later disposal and just let it drop.

I believe that the proportion of thoughtless anglers is small, when all anglers are accounted for, but the number seems large enough to cause serious damage. A startling example of the cumulative effects of this small proportion of fishermen, was revealed last summer.

The tuna action was red hot off Montauk, and though I knew nothing about that kind of fishing, I couldn't resist muscling in on the scene. Neither could anyone else, it seems. We couldn't even find a "parking space" on reaching the tuna grounds; it looked as if every boat afloat was anchored there. And it also looked as if every one of the captains had a contract for dumping garbage at sea.

We ranged up to 12 miles from the Lighthouse. All the way out and back, debris drifted on the surface, riding the waves—plastic bags, beer cans, big plastic soft drink bottles, filter tips of cigarettes, sun screen bottles, and all sorts of other stuff: real garbage; garbage garbage, sewer garbage. You can only speculate about the quality and quantity of sinking garbage.

Meanwhile, beautiful and graceful whales frolicked among the boats, in the fleet-created sewer. What happens to a whale that swallows a bottle, or a broken off beer can pop-top ring, or a tampon inserter? I wondered. Was I witness to the creation of yet another landfill, the "Butterfish Dump" perhaps, a blue water innovation of a city at sea? Was the ocean going to die as the last frontier? It just might.

The next day I was still wondering how many fish died each year because they were poisoned or had digestive system blockages as a result of ingesting bits of anglers' garbage, when I met Sigrid Owen. She was feeding and videotaping a swan family at Fort Pond and asked me to turn off my truck's engine because the sound might be picked up on her tape. That opened the path for conversation, but she seemed strangely annoyed by my presence.

A canoe-topped vehicle full of fishing gear had marked me, and Sigrid did not like fishermen. Some might be okay; what she hates is the monofilament line left in their wakes. Sigrid, you see, is a naturalist, who among other things, rehabilitates injured swans. Fishing line and hooks, it turns out, are a major cause of injury and death to water fowl. And she had already collected one hook and a bag full of line that day, just from the little area of shoreline around Fort Pond's boat access—right where the swans had gathered.

We became friends; I even helped with the rehabilitation and release of a swan Sigrid named Jack; he had a broken leg. As a result, I started seeing things that I missed before: a Canada goose trailing a few feet of mono from its seemingly broken leg, a hopping mallard and a gull dragging a twisted wing that also couldn't rid themselves of fishing line, and a cormorant with its head stuck through a ring of a plastic six pack binder. What would be their fate? How would it end?

Now, I don't like to be lectured or scolded. So I won't lecture my fellow sportsmen, but we really must become more aware. Regarding the simply spoiled look of a littered

environment that bothers me, we have to realize that it also bothers non-sportsmen. And the surest way to feed anti-fishing and anti-hunting sentiments is to have others find their favorite places to walk or watch birds contaminated by fishing line, lure packages, or spent shotgun shells. Such experiences will inevitably lead to further access restrictions on outdoor sports.

On a second self-interest note, litter (especially from all those space age plastics that endure in the environment) does kill fish and game. The scientific evidence is in: water fowl have been strangled by fishing line and six pack binders; and stomach content analyses have found game fish starving because of digestive tract blockages or injuries attributed to filter tips and the particularly attractive, shiny bits of aluminum that get torn off beverage cans. So, much of our litter has a similar effect as the lost nets and traps of commercial fishermen and lobstermen. Yet we have the nerve to complain about the "ghost fishing" that results from lost commercial gear because it threatens the future survival of the game we treasure. If we want an adequate supply of fish and game for our children, we must both stop our own littering and clean up after the thoughtless and selfish.

A real problem here is that each individual thinks that his or her single infraction, only one bit of garbage, can't make much difference in terms of the big picture. But there are so many anglers these days that if each one takes the easy route for garbage disposal only twice a season, the total environment effect can be massive. Only after we find ourselves in a heap of garbage, suffocating in it, will it be hard to notice one more piece. We have an obligation to remember that.

Still, I have more confidence in sportsmen than do our detractors. They haven't seen what I have. They haven't seen a group of surfcasters gather around one of their clansmen to make sure that a striped bass gets carefully released. They haven't seen a big, burly angler, with hands like a prizefighter, tenderly and delicately hold a gull that was accidentally tangled in his line, gently unwind a loop of mono from its wing, and then coax it into flight to assure himself that it would survive. But a gull is not game; future stocks have nothing to do with future sport; and Lord knows, gulls are neither threatened nor endangered in any way.

Then, why the care? Because the gull is a living creature of nature, and it evokes respect and appreciation. Every time an angler comes into close contact with such marvels, his emotions make him do the right thing. Let's not allow angling garbage to become the abstract, invisible "ghost killer" that contradicts our true consciences.

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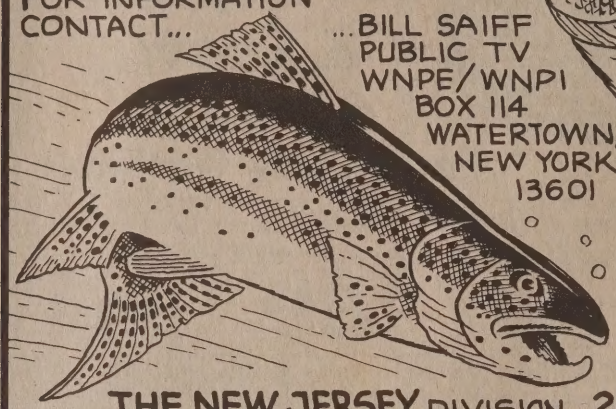

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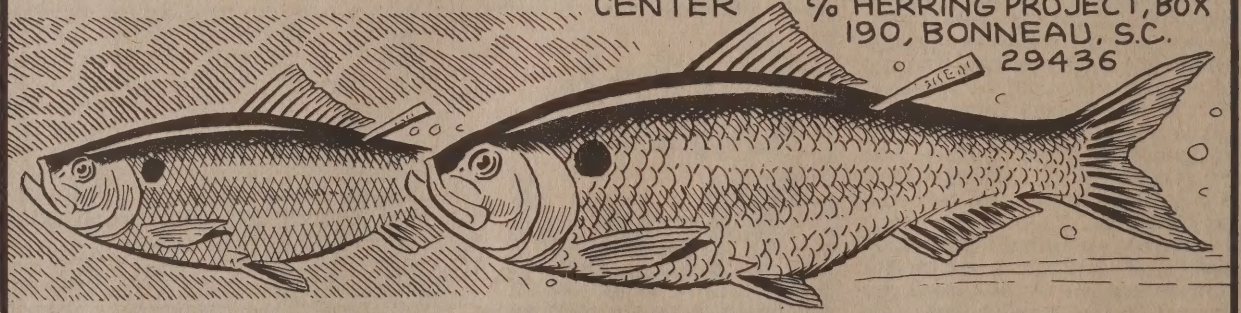

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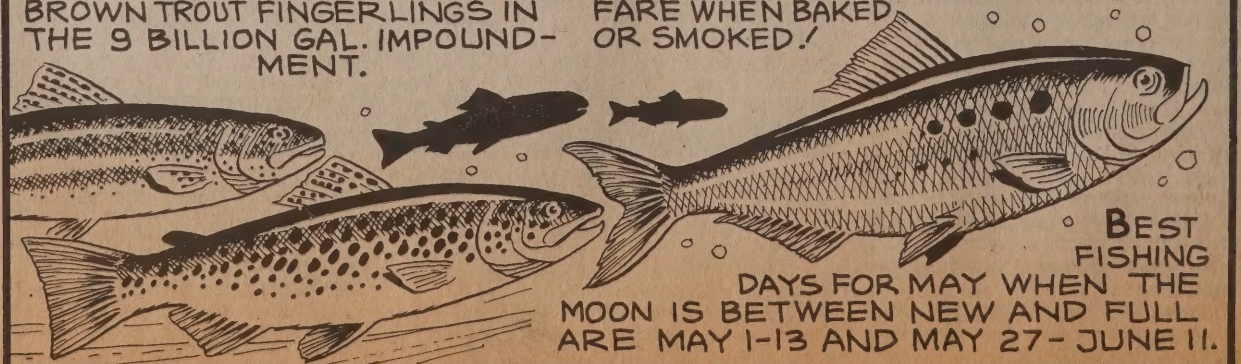

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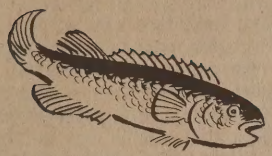

by
Matt Ahern

Well—I've done it again. I've run in another ringer on you. I've done so for two reasons. One, when reader mail practically demands that I repeat an article or story, and two when I feel lazy—which lately has been more than somewhat. Now those are the two main reasons for this repeat, but there is another—which is to remind readers of the importance of The Fisherman's "Send A Kid Fishing" program.

Well, anyway, I began the story thusly:

As I made a left turn off Island Park's main street, I said to my young companion: "You follow my lead, Charlie—let me do the talking."

Charlie, fourteen ("going on fifteen") replied: "I hope he'll take me out. Gee, I want to catch a cod so bad, I can taste it."

"Don't fret, Charlie. Why shouldn't he take you out? You and I—we're fishing buddies, right?"

"Sure. But I don't know. I remember one time you said Mr. Leidecker doesn't like kids."

"No. That's not what I said. What I said was Artie Leidecker is an old grump who doesn't like anyone. But I'm used to it because he's been like that for the over sixty years we know each other. You know...buddies, and all that. So, buck up, Charlie, and don't worry. You'll find he's all bluff. You'll go codfishing today."

We approached the dock and I drove into the lot across the way and parked. Charlie and I carried our gear across the road to the bulkhead to which the "Echo" was tethered. The neat 30 footer's bow was well lighted and through the gloom surrounding the light's radius, I saw a familiar, much loved, forlorn-appearing figure huddled in the stern, looking for all the world like a lost soul. "Cheer up, Artie," I said. "You're going fishing, not to the gallows."

"'Bout time you showed," he said. "We should be through the inlet by now. What in hell kept you?" Before I could reply he caught a glimpse of the small figure beside me. "What's this? You didn't say you were bringing..."

I quickly stepped aboard the Echo. "Don't start, Artie," I said in a whisper. Then I brightly added: "We got a guest."

But Artie wouldn't take the hint. "Who's this? And what's this?"

I draped my arm across Charlie's shoulder and gave him a reassuring squeeze. "This," I replied, with mounting sarcasm, "this, as you so ungraciously put it, is a young member of the human race. Everyone calls them kids. There are two kinds: boy kids and girl kids. This is a boy kid. His name is Charlie Lorano and if he doesn't go codfishing with us today, I don't go codfishing with you. And if I don't go codfishing with you—how in hell will you find cod on your own?"

He stared at me for a second or two. "Now don't you start. Come over here, damn it—I want to tell you something." When we were out of earshot, he said: "You crazy or something? You want to get that kid seasick? This is winter codfishing—mid-December."

"Look. I'm the first to admit you're the best codfisherman I know, and maybe you do have the kid's best interest at heart, but you're not the only one who knows a little something. I checked the barometer this morning before we left—the same one you gave me last Christmas. It read 30.24 and steady; which means this light northwesterly is good for at least another 48 hours. It will be beautiful out there today. You know it as well as I do. Just right for a boy dying to catch his first cod. So, how about giving the kid a break? Damn it, don't be such a grump! I know you too long to be impressed. Besides you're scaring the kid. So how about it?"

He said nothing, then cleared his throat and gave a shrug. He went to the controls and started the engine. A few minutes later, we were on our way. Artie. Artie. You are a trial at times.

Just as the barometer foretold, the weather was indeed beautiful, and as we cleared Jones Inlet and met the first gentle swells of an ever-restless sea, the sun's rising was magnificent to behold. The boy huddled besides me on the starboard bow, his hands tightly gripped around the rail.

"How do you like it, Charlie?" I asked. "Feel cold."

"Some. Not much. I like it fine. Does it ever get real rough out here?"

"Oh, sure," I said. "Real bad sometimes—especially in winter. But we're lucky today."

"I sure hope I catch a cod, Matt."

'You trust Artie," I said. "If there's a cod out here with your name on it, he'll find it. Now, I've got to spend a few minutes with him, so you be careful up here."

Artie was putting a match to his pipe as I sidled up beside him. One weather-beaten hand deftly held the wheel as his attention focused on the compass. On the small seat beside him lay his homemade chart, the net result of years of painstaking effort.

"Fell better now?" he asked.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with you, Artie. Yeah...yeah...I feel better."

I glanced at the compass: south by east. "Cholera?" I inquired.

"Close; but not close enough. I figure on trying that piece northeast of Cholera...you know; that high spot south of the Gully. On this rising tide, there's 70 feet of water close by—at least; 75 or so in the gully, and maybe 60 on the high spot. With that going for us, we should get some kind of action. If we don't, we can always run west to Cholera. And if that doesn't pan out, we can make a drop on the Steel Wreck. Sound okay?"

"You bet. I'll get going on the bait."

With the boy standing by as an interested spectator, I shucked a quarter bushel of skimmer, cut each into bait-sized pieces and put aside a like amount of whole skimmer for chum. I spent the remaining time teaching the youngster the basics of codfishing as it would apply that day. As most wide-awake kids are, Charlie was an apt pupil.

I had selected a light, yet fairly stiff rod for Charlie and to this I added a Penn 155, filled with 30 pound mono-

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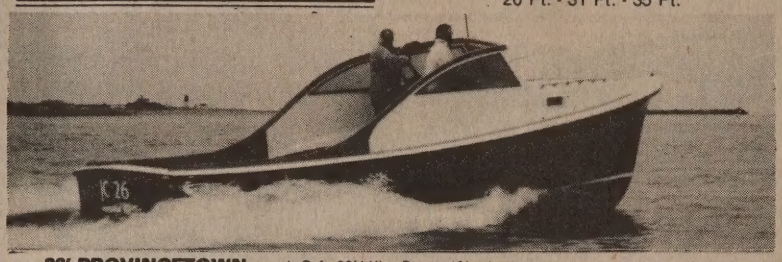

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filament line. I tied on two 5/0 regular-shanked Sproats, one 10 inches above an 8 ounce bank sinker; the second, snelled to an 18 inch 40 pound test leader, I placed about 3½ feet higher.

"Now, Charlie," I said, "when we begin fishing, do exactly as we do. Here—let me show you how to put on cod bait. Pay attention now, because later you'll have to do this yourself."

A half hour later we were anchored over the "high spot" and after allowing the Echo to settle for a few minutes, I began to bat skimmer over the side. "This gets the cod looking for more of the same, Charlie," I explained. "Makes them hungry."

I watched as the boy put the reel into free spool and sent his rig to the bottom. I gave a needed pointer her and there and then began fishing. In seconds he was making tentative stabs with his rod. "Bites," he said.

"Bergalls," I told him. "You'll learn to live with them if you do much fishing out here. Just let the bait lie still. If they stop biting, it means one of two things: either your bait's gone, or Mr. Cod is nosing around. So be alert."

As usual, Artie got the first action—a cod about 10 pounds. Charlie was beside himself. "Golly! I'd stay awake nights if I caught a fish like that. Gosh, almighty, what a fish!"

Encouraged now, the three of us waited for the next cod to take hold. I was wishing the fishing gods would notice the kid and do something about it when I felt a slight pick, then a strong pull. I waited a few seconds, then drove the hook home. The rod arched against the cod's weight, forcing me to tighten my grip. The fish pounded for several seconds, stopping the reel cold.

I glanced at Artie. "Have the gaff ready. It's a good one."

The reel's drag setting grudgingly gave up a few feet of line as the cod backed off, bringing its weight to bear on the rod tip. I'd gain a few feet, then promptly lose them. This tug-of-war went on for several minutes when suddenly the cod tired, allowing me to slowly reel it up from the depths.

Winching the fish closer, I peered over the side and spotted a large head and glinting white belly undulating in the winter-clear green water. Easy 25 pounds, I told myself.

"Wow!" This from the boy as he watched Artie plant the gaff and lift the cod aboard. "What a fish! What a fish!"

"Better watch your rod, Charlie," Artie told him as he dumped the cod on deck and freed the gaff. "This one's got a mate down there somewhere."

If the mate to my big cod was down there, we were having difficulty finding it and after two hours' sporadic chumming our net result was an additional small cod, plus a whiting and three ling. It was time for a move.

Artie decided to anchor in the gully and within seconds, I nailed a small

cod of about five pounds. Then Charlie brought up a ling, much to his delight and awe. Artie seemed to run out of steam, which was a bit unusual for him and I gave him a questioning glance, whereupon he shrugged his shoulders. I went to the bow and batted more skimmers. Time, as the saying has it, was awastin'. Noontime arrived, took scant notice of three struggling fishermen, and passed into the realm of the unknowable.

And then it happened, as good things do for those who persevere.

I heard Charlie gasp with surprise. "Matt! I felt something! I hooked it, but it won't move!"

"Okay, Charlie. I'm here. Be careful now. You've got a nice cod. Take it slow and easy. Let it pound! That's it. Don't force it." The fish stopped pumping, came along easily for a few feet and then started to pound oncem more. Charlie stopped reeling.

"Keep him coming, if you can," I coached. "That's it. You're doing fine." I looked down into the water and caught a movement. "Here he comes, Charlie! Don't give any slack!"

The boy was clearly tuckered out by now, but he was game. "Please, Matt," he pleaded, "don't let me lose this fish. I'll never hook another like it; never." He then glanced at Artie who stood to one side, gaff in hand, ever alert to the fish's movements. "Won't you please pray, Mr. Leidecker. You ain't busy."

I doubt if the boy knew what he was saying, so absorbed was he in the fish's capture and so fearful was he that it would escape. But Charlie had the makings of a good fisherman. He reeled the cod to within gaffing range and moved to one side as Artie leaned over the rail and impaled the cod through the head. Up and over it came—all 31 pounds of it!

Artie slapped the boy on the back. "You did it, Charlie! You got your cod! It's a beaut!"

I removed the hook and the boy stood mesmerized. "I don't believe I caught that fish. I don't believe it."

"Well," Artie said, once again slapping him on the back. "You did." He glanced quickly at me. "You even outfished two old salts. Why, Matt and I didn't get one like that all last winter. Can't keep a good fisherman down, you know."

We fished awhile longer, but only a few ling came aboard and we decided to call it quits.

On the way home, with both of us seated comfortably in the car and with the heater working overtime, Charlie turned to me and said: "You know, Matt, Mr. Leidecker is really a nice old guy. He's not an old grump like you said...at least not much. But what I don't understand about him is why half the time when he was fishing alongside me, he had no bait on his hooks. Why would he do that?"

"Because, I guess like you say, he's really a nice old guy. What else? But keep it to yourself. He wouldn't want you to spoil his image."

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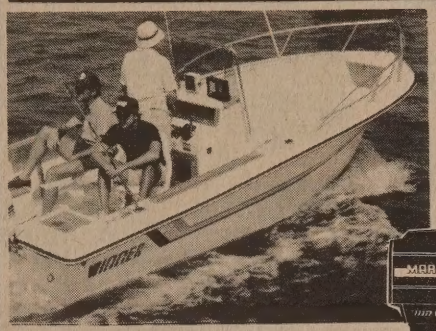

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with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Fairly decent spring weather allowed all charter boats, head boats and an armada of small boats to explore east end waters this past weekend. Most anglers in search of flounder were satisfied, but those fishing Lake Montauk found a veritable the pot of gold at the end of this spring's rainbow, returning with fantastic catches. Codfish catches have steadily increased, with a few really big fish in this weekend's catches. Weakfish, fluke and bluefish have now come into the picture.

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The spring flounder season came alive on Friday, when Elliot Fedder and his friends Bob Ruth, Fred Hatt and Keith Reynolds put ninety-seven flounder into the fish box of a **Uihlien's Rental** boat. The group returned to the same spot Saturday and bagged 117 more, all on mussel baited hooks. Henry Uihlien suggested that Sal Suarino and his friends fish near Elliot on Saturday. This group of five who rented the twenty-four foot Aquasport, returned to the boat rental station with 145 flounder, all caught on Worms! Scene of the hot flounder action, according to Henry, was deep in Lake Montauk. Most fish weighed about a pound, with a high percentage over one and a half pounds, some over two pounds.

Baits varied, the fish bit on both tides on the weekend. On Sunday, Mike Snelwer and his sons, Danny and Scott, caught fourty-two flounder on sandworms. Montauk resident Dave Tooker used earthworms and steamer clams for his catch of fourty-one. John Roege, Gene Kapp and Bill Paulens caught seventy-seven flounder in the Lake, then decided to try at Gardiner's Island. The trio landed thirteen flatties at Tobaccolot, the largest three and a half pounds, largest brought into **Uihlien's** this season!

Cod fishing efforts were hampered by the severe winds last week, but when boats were able to sail on Friday, anglers found the fish waiting for them.

On Friday, Captain Mike Albronda of the charter boat **Montauk**, loaded up with fifty-nine cod with Al Atkins. Captain Mike reported that most of the cod were large, over ten pounds, with a dozen or so over twenty pounds, the largest 33 pounds. Saturday's trip with Richard Feit

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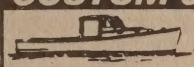

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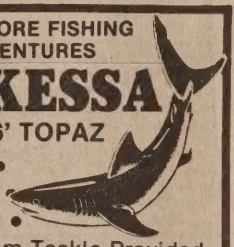

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located twenty-nine cod, ten blackfish some sea bass and flounder, while Sunday's trip with Serge Baranegsk resulted in twenty-seven cod.

June, at the **Montauk Marine Basin** reported very good codfish catches by marina based charter boats, with boats fishing various spots including Block Island, CIA and Cartwrights. Probably the best catch of the weekend was made by five year old Joey Magadino, who insisted on reeling in his nineteen pound cod unassisted. We understand, however, that his dad, Tony, had a firm grip on the youngster during the entire struggle on the "Wave Dancer".

Captain Steve Mauss asked us to inform his customers that the **Kraken III** is now in the water, ready to sail for spring cod, flounder and blackfish. Call Captain Steve for available charter dates.

The Park Star Fishing Club enjoyed a steady pick of cod on Sunday on the **My-Mate**, with Joe Simko, John Jay and the group returning with twenty-two cod. Saturday's group, Lee Wasserman and friends caught thirty according to Captain Joe McBride.

Rob Aaronson asked us to inform you that **Tuma's Charter Service** is now arranging charters for this fine spring run of cod and flounder. A few choice dates are available for offshore summer fishing. Call (516) 668-2707 for information.

Because of violent weather, the **Bluefin IV** did not sail most of the week, however when seas finally calmed on Friday, Captain Michael Potts fished south of Block Island where the Giannetti group caught eighty-two cod, most in the five pound range, some around eight pounds, and a few of fifteen pounds. Saturday's trip with the Jones' resulted in twenty-two cod, thirty-five cod were caught by the Acres Anglers, a Mastic fishing club. While most of the fish took clam baits, about a third of Sunday's catch fell to diamond jigs.

A variety of fish were seen on the docks at **Captain's Cove Marina**, according to Joan. Marina based boats such as "Grumpy" and "Against the Wind" fished Lake Montauk for nice catches of flounder, most one to one and a half pounds, with a few two pounders. Those in seach of cod were well rewarded. "Sea Lark" returned with twenty-five small cod, "Hurry-Up" with sixty on Saturday, thirty-six Sunday. Exploratory blackfish trips were successful: "Ebb Tide" located tautog on Montauk's south side, "Three Star" returned with a couple of dozen blackfish, weighing from three to eight pounds, all caught on clam bait.

The charter boat, **Lori-Jay**, based at **Star Island Yacht Club** fished southeast of Block Island on Saturday with Tim Doolan and his friends. The group caught seventy-five cod, top weight eighteen pounds, half the fish over eight pounds. On Sunday, Captain Jay Rigano looked for larger cod with Bob Edsen of General Motors Corp. Fishing CIA, the group

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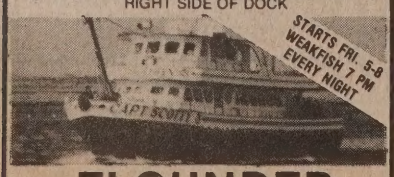

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Captain Bob Storc of the charter boat **Caprice** fished at Cartwright on Friday, where John and Mike Hodges caught two dozen cod, some to seven pounds, plus a few pollock. Saturday's trip to Block Island with Ralph and Charlie Zegelbone yielded thirty-one cod, to eight pounds.

Joe McNamara and his group caught thirty-four cod on Saturday on the **Allyssa Ann**. Sunday's strong tides at Block Island slowed cod catches for Bob Fecfo and his group, prompting a stop for flounder after catching a dozen cod. Captain Bill Ricca related that the flounder trip in Lake Montauk resulted in three dozen flounder in a very short time.

Cod, flounder and blackfish were brought into **Gone Fishing Marina** on the weekend. Most marina based boats were successful in their quest for cod with the ''Anthony D'' returning with a dozen cod, one of twenty-eight pounds caught by Anthony and Ellen. ''Compromise'' returned with almost three dozen cod both on Saturday and Sunday. Other marina boats enjoyed the great flounder catches in Lake Montauk on the weekend, however Bill Podmore and his friend traveled to an unknown location where they caught sixteen flounder, and six blackfish. Since the largest blackfish weighed fourteen pounds many attempts have been made to discover the location of this catch, to no avail!

Captain Weiss christened his new **Gusto**, a thirty-one foot Rampage, with 2,100 pounds of mackerel, enough to start off his shark/tuna season. Scene of the action was to the west, out of Deb's Inlet with Mark Albert and other friends. The **Gusto** will be at the Viking Dock this weekend. Call Captain Weiss for available dates for offshore charters.

Captain Paul Forsberg reported that about 1,700 codfish were caught on the **Viking Starship**'s weekend trip to George's Banks, in flat calm seas. Fourty-six people were onboard, many catching over fifty cod apiece, Bob Key of Montville, Pa. taking the pool with a thirty-eight pound cod,

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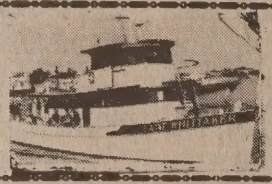

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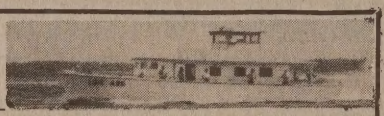

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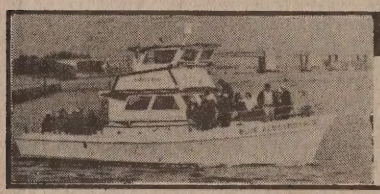

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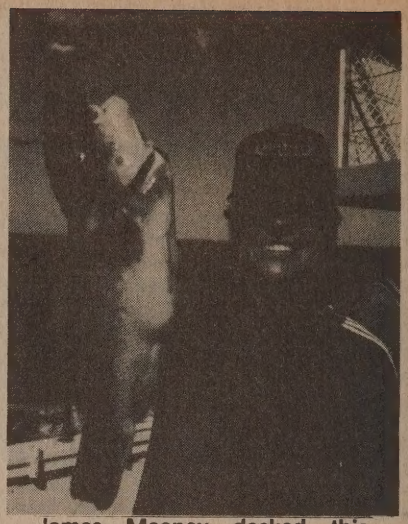
and high hook honors with 101 cod. Over one-hundred pollock, a couple of haddock and a thirty-eight pound wolf fish topped off the catch. The fish responded to anything offered to them: jigs, jelly worms, and bait. Captain Forsberg will continue to sail for George's Banks every Monday and Friday nights. A reminder that May 8th trip is sold out, but there is some room on the other scheduled trips.

Captain Zac Grossman called to inform us that the **Mako Express** is no in the water at **Captain's Cove Marina** and has a few open dates for offshore charters. Captain Zac is looking for a mate and will train anyone interested. Of course, experience is a plus, but not necessary.

Congratulations are in order for Captain Zac Grossman and his new bride, Leslie, who tied the knot last month and had a glorious honeymoon in Hawaii.

On Saturday, Bob Hauenstein and his friends fished aboard the **King Wayne**, where fourty-two codfish, half under eight pounds, the rest ten to fifteen pounds, were caught at Block Island. Sunday's trip with Marchi Diffendorf and his friends enjoyed a mixed bag at Cartwright and the Frisbees with pollock, cod (to twenty pounds), and blackfish, the largest ten pounds.



James Mooney decked this husky 5 lb. blackfish last fall aboard the Bay Shore open boat, "Laura Lee."

SOUTH FORK

Fairly good weather brought out anglers who tried for a variety of fish. While flounder catches were decent, catches of weaks, blues and a few fluke lifted spirits, raising hopes for a banner weekend ahead.

Large flounder won the Tenth Annual Flounder Tournament at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor**, held last weekend. Dai Dayton won a custom made ten foot surf rod, fitted with a 704Z reel with a flounder that weighed 2.32 pounds. Second place, and a Penn 113 trolling reel went to Tom Severance for his 2.26 pound flattie. R. Loesch's 2.24 flounder was enough for third place and a rod and reel combo. Bad, windy, rainy weather forced most contestants to fish inside Sag Harbor. George Pharaoh reported that about thirty of the one-hundred persons who entered the contest won prizes.

Bad weather kept the **Wilhelric II** tied to the dock until Friday when a good crowd all caught well. Andy Peda took the pool with a two and a half pound flattie. Big Al and his two friends combined forces for fourty-three flounder. High hook was nineteen. Captain Clark Bellows fished off Orient in the Sound, stating that most anglers had ten to fifteen fish a person. Fishing slowed a little on the weekend, however a short stop at Gardiner's Island proved that flounder are in the mood to bite, since nine fish were caught in an hours fishing. Captain Bellows will fish Gardiner's regularly from now on, as long as winds and tide are right.

Captain Artie Lach, impressed with the amount of bait (bunker, squid, spearing and herring) that suddenly moved into the bays, will begin night weak fishing, beginning Tuesday, May 12th at 7 pm on the **Wilhelric II**, fishing every night except Sunday and Monday.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	3:05	4:00	4:10	4:45	3:50	4:45	5:15	5:58	6:40	7:25	6:45	7:20	3:30	4:05	5/7
FRI.	4:10	4:55	5:05	5:35	4:50	5:35	6:05	6:40	7:40	8:10	7:40	8:10	4:25	4:55	5/8
SAT.	5:05	5:45	5:55	6:25	5:50	6:20	6:55	7:20	8:35	8:55	8:35	8:55	5:15	5:40	5/9
SUN.	6:05	6:30	6:45	7:10	6:35	7:05	7:40	7:55	9:20	9:35	9:20	9:40	6:00	6:20	5/10
MON.	6:50	7:15	7:30	7:55	7:20	7:45	8:20	8:35	10:10	10:20	10:10	10:25	6:45	7:05	5/11
TUES.	7:35	8:00	8:20	8:40	8:10	8:25	9:05	9:20	10:55	11:00	10:55	11:10	7:30	7:50	5/12
WED.	8:20	8:40	9:05	9:25	8:50	9:05	9:50	10:00	11:40	11:50	11:45	12:05	8:15	8:35	5/13
THURS.	9:05	9:25	9:55	10:15	9:40	9:55	10:40	10:45	—	12:25	—	12:30	9:05	9:25	5/14

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/7	5:48	8:05
FRI. 5/8	5:47	8:06
SAT. 5/9	5:46	8:07
SUN. 5/10	5:45	8:08
MON. 5/11	5:44	8:09
TUE. 5/12	5:43	8:10
WED. 5/13	5:42	8:11

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/7	1:40PM	3:00AM
FRI. 5/8	2:45PM	3:20AM
SAT. 5/9	3:50PM	3:40AM
SUN. 5/10	5:00PM	4:00AM
MON. 5/11	6:10PM	4:25AM
TUE. 5/12	7:25PM	4:50AM
WED. 5/13	8:45PM	5:20AM

Moon Phases

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5/27	5/6	5/13	5/20

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:05	**7:10**	1:20	**7:30**
Fri.	1:45	**7:45**	1:55	**8:10**
Sat.	2:25	**8:25**	2:35	**8:45**
Sun.	3:00	**9:05**	3:15	**9:25**
Mon.	3:40	**9:45**	3:55	**10:10**
Tues.	4:25	**10:30**	4:40	**10:55**
Wed.	5:10	**11:20**	5:30	**11:50**
Thurs.	6:05	—	6:35	**12:25**

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South Shore REPORT
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Wind and rain continued to make this one of the worst spirngs in recent memory according to most of the captains and fishing station owners we spoke to. While much of the week was washed or blown out, most of the weekend was very fishable. AS a result, the first real signs of a change in the fishing picture are beginning to take shape. We did have the first confirmed weakfish, bluefish and fluke catches in Great South Bay and boatmen willing to run 20 or more miles managed to put a good supply of mackerel in their freezers.

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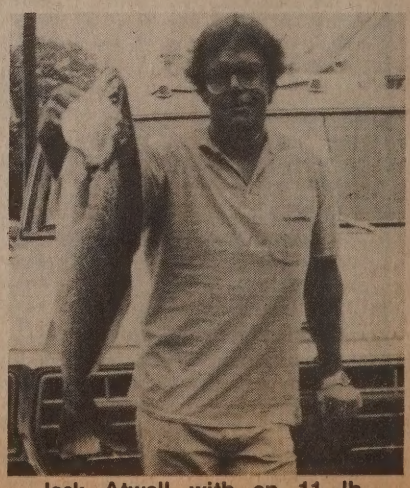
Jim Taylor, at **Blue Water Tackle** in **Hampton Bays**, had a run on small bucktails on the weekend when anglers discovered small bluefish going through the Shinnecock Canal. A reliable source also reported that a weakfish of about eight pounds fell to a bucktail on Sunday morning. Mackerel reports were scarce, with reports of scattered small catches.

Louie, on the Alimar, based at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** located only a few mackerel on Sunday's ocean trip. Dee and Joe of the "Haleakala" found the Heady Creek area slow in flounder, high in winds on Saturday, but did find lots of sea robins, inspiring a fluke trip for the upcoming weekend.

A couple of weakfish were caught off the beach at Cow Neck (near Sebonic Inlet) and reported to Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Thom heard reports of both blues and fluke from the Shinnecock Canal but not much on flounder locally. Walter B. and his friend Carl Licht did catch thirty-two flounder Saturday, twenty-two on Sunday fishing their usual early haunts around Promised Land. The pair weighed their largest flounder at two and a half pounds, and also showed off a five and a half pound blackfish. Sixteen nice flatties were reportedly taken by another customer who fished Tobaccolot Bay.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

At **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich chalked the week up as a loss due to wind and rain. The weekend however, produced some very good catches of big flounder from Havens Point on out to Buoys 41 and 42. Working this area on Saturday were Bernie, Marie, Matthew and Jack Schwartz. The family worked this area on incoming tide and finished with 75 big flatties. Gary said that most boats counted from 20 to 40 flounder in the 1 to 2½ pound class on Saturday. He weighed at least a dozen fish in the 2¾ pound range for customers. Sunday saw some good catches but the fishing was off from Saturday.



Jack Atwell with an 11 lb. weakfish he took on a live bunker last fall near the Wantagh Bridge.

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Phil Sepulveda at **L & M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said that the open bay produced smaller catches of quality fish while the Quogue Canal continues to hold bigger numbers but smaller fish. As an example, one boat on Sunday fished at the second bridge in the canal and finished with 130 flounder. They had lots of small fish but some did range to 1½ pounds. Another boat worked the open bay near Buoy 42 and returned with 30 fish. All were big with most between 1½ and 2 pounds. Phil added that some blackfish are now being taken in the canal as well. Most came from east of the second bridge.

Capt. Dave of the "Day One" called to report taking more than 100 big mackerel, most in the 2-3 pound class in 2½ hours time on Sunday morning. He reported fishing 10 to 15 miles southwest of the inlet in 110' of water.

Lots of guys tried mackerel and weaks but no one reported back with any weakfish news according to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. He did hear of mackerel outside of Moriches Inlet but evidently the main body of fish was still west of Fire Island. Those that did best ran to 90-110' of water southwest of Fire Island. Patchogue Fishing Club members, George Dietz, J.D. May and Bill Antos worked Moriches Bay on Wednesday. They did nothing in the morning but stuck it out into the afternoon and in short order pulled 26 big flatties from 1¼ to 1¾ pounds on the ebb tide. Locally, still a few flounder as well as short stripers being taken from the local docks. Boatmen looking for a flounder have been running to the inlet area for the best results.

At **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale called the flounder fishing spotty and said the best action has been along South Beach and the Sore Thumb area around the turn of the tide. He has heard of several weakfish rumors as well as a pair of bluefish taken in Moriches Inlet. For surfmen, Mike Sala reported taking 5 school bass from 3 to 7 pounds on plugs early Saturday from a north shore beach.

Jim Romano of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** heard of several good catches of flounder made on the weekend at Fair Harbor, the lighthouse and the Sore Thumb. Among them was the catch made by Chris Camp and his family late Saturday

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northwest of the lighthouse. The Camp crew finished with 40 nice flatties on bloodworms and mussel and clam chum. There were good mackerel catches made but nearly all of the better scores were made 20 or more miles southwest of the inlet. Those who stayed close to home managed only a pick of fish. Jim also knew of some blackfish being taken from the Robert Moses shore. Fish are on the north side of the park from the Construction Dock to the Fishing Piers.

At **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**, John Albanese reported a decent pick of flounder at the Sore Thumb on the change of tide. Blood and sandworms both working and clam or mussel chum is a big help. Also some blackfish now being picked from the Oak Beach shore. Vinnie Trovato fished the Sore Thumb Pocket on Saturday and finished with 18 nice flatties. A fair number of weakfish rumors but nothing confirmed locally. John did have a report of a couple of weaks taken in Moriches however.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** reported doing okay with the flatties this week at South Beach, the lighthouse and Sore Thumb. Key to the action is catching the turn of the tide. Last of the Ebb and first of the flood was the ticket on the weekend. He figured fares managed from 6 to 12 flatties apiece on Saturday and Sunday and a few blackfish have begun mixing with the flats.

A call to Sunrise Fish Company revealed that their Fire Island pound traps are not yet in operation which should quell any rumors concerning large catches of weaks in the said traps. Furthermore, as of Monday morning, they had yet to see a weak from any netters either.

From **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller spoke of some flounder action at the lighthouse area and at the Sore Thumb. He did know of one confirmed weak taken at Ocean Beach on Saturday by an angler who insisted on remaining anonymous. Larry Ohler reported dropping a good fish and marking others on his recorder at Ocean Beach. One boatman drifting a white bucktail for weaks in West Channel was rewarded with a 2 pound fluke on Saturday. Also on Saturday, a large body of mackerel were worked over by boatmen in the Mud Hole area. Carl fished mackerel on Saturday and worked an area in 90 feet of water south of the Jones Beach tower. He finished with about a hundred pounds of mackerel and noted that the water inshore of there was brown and loaded with garbage typical of ocean dumping. The fish were found in patches of clean water.

Bobby Sprenger reported that on Saturday, Bob Farrell weighed a 2 pound flounder at **Captree Bait and Tackle**. It was caught aboard the **Fishtale**. On Sunday, Pete Florita of Deer Park put a bulldog blackfish of 10 pounds 2 ounces on the scale. It

was taken from a private boat at the Sore Thumb on a flounder hook. The Jones Beach piers produced a pair of very respectable flatties on Sunday. John Magrone of Elmhurst had an impressive 2.10 pounder. John Livermore of Seaford had a 1½ pounder. Plenty of weakfish rumors with people reporting having seen fish netted, but none have been weighed. Bobby added that the **Speedy** did a big job on the mackerel on Sunday. He also noted that the shop has green crabs and fiddler crabs in stock for the weekend.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** reported a slow week with the flounder. The weekend was a considerable improvement with some pretty good fishing on the last of the Ebb out in the middle of the inlet opposite the Sore Thumb. Saturday also saw a decent shot of fish in the Lighthouse area on the flood tide. About a dozen blackfish up to 4 pounds were taken here as well. Sunday saw a fair shot of fish at the Sore Thumb on the last of the Ebb. Chris Mahlsted Jr. & Sr. combined to put away 43 keepers. Charlie reminded that the boat will begin evening weakfish trips on Friday, May 8th. Sailing time will be 7PM daily. Charlie also noted that he watched a good size school of bluefish working in the inlet during the week while he was anchored up floundering.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** spoke of a good shot of flounder on Saturday's afternoon trip. Sunday's AM trip produced 300$ fish with another 200 or so taken on the PM run. George reminded that he too will begin looking for weakfish 7PM daily beginning Friday, May 8.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** will be seeking weakfish and bay blues with his working man's specials. Sailing time will be 6-10PM daily.

Capt. Bob Schwartz of the **Captree** charter boat **Blue Albatross** fished a group headed by Andy Morris on Saturday. They finished with 120 flatties with most of the fish falling into the medium to large size range and taken at the Sore Thumb. Al Buerrer was high hook. On Sunday, a group headed by Yumi Otomo loaded up on mackerel. Scene of the action was 19 miles south of Fire Island Inlet in 110 feet of water.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II** labeled the weekend flounder action as fair to good. He had his best results on Friday and Saturday with Sunday being an off day. Saturday AM saw 250 flatties taken with high hooks of 12 to 15 per man. Fishing was being done at the Sore Thumb and at the mussel beds in the vicinity of the Lighthouse. Best fishing is on the change of tides. Gordon too will be joining the weakfish hunt beginning Friday, May 15th. He will sail 7PM daily.

Captain Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported he has

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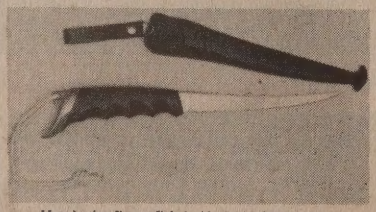

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been steadily picking away in the State Channel from the Babylon to Amityville Cut. Most days see average catches of 10 or so flatties per man. A few blackfish also showing up in the catches this week. He called the fishing at the Thumb erratic with the change of tide essential for good fishing.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon Fred Austin heard of good flounder action at the inlet near the Sore Thumb and along South Beach. In both cases, the turn and slack water has produced the best action. The season's first officially weighed bluefish was checked in on Saturday. Young Jimmy Clark had a 4 lb. chopper in the vicinity of the lighthouse. Also on Saturday there was the first confirmed catch of a weakfish at Ocean Beach. The 8½ lb. tiderunner was weighed at Frank and Dick's Bait Station in the state channel and confirmed via marine radio to Augie's. The angler preferred to remain anonymous. Fred noted that quite a few guys tried weakfishing on the weekend but none reported back with any positive results. He also noted that there are lots of small bass in the bay being reported by flounder fishermen. There were heavy concentrations of mackerel 25 miles SW of Fire Island Inlet and south of the 3 Sisters Wreck over the weekend.

From **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in Lindenhurst, Jimmy Schafer labelled the flounder fishing a steady pick in the state channel at Gilgo and Fox Creek and at Squaw Island. Worms, clams and mussels all accounting for some fish. Mackerel are thick for those willing to run. On Sunday the best action was south of 3 Sisters

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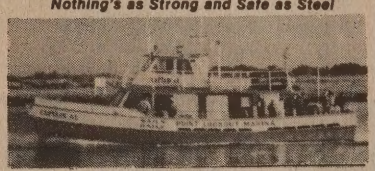
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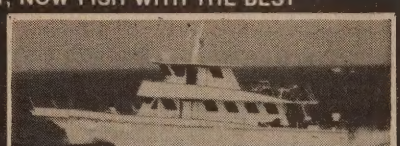

Wreck. Jimmy and friends loaded up after running 23 miles SW of Fl on a 240 degree heading. Blackfish are being picked at the bridges, the Sore Thumb and the Robert Moses pier. Doug Poulan checked in an 8 lb. 4 oz. blackfish caught on the north side of the Robert Moses bridge from shore. Other catches checked this week ibcluded 13 flounder for Dudley Britt and Frank Gushue. They were taken at Gilgo in the State Channel. Three year old Frank Jr. connected with 2 flatties over 2 lbs. On Saturday, Darlene Patrott connected with an 18 inch striper from the dock at Bay Shore Marina. On Sunday, fishing from the Wellwood Avenue Dock in Lindenhurst, Joel Mazziotta caught and released a 20 inch striper in addition to 4 flatties. Other flounder scores included Tom Pendolino Jr and Sr with 14 flatties in the state channel at Lindenhurst on Friday. Leslie Mills and Pete Brick took 26 flounder and 2 blackfish at the Sore Thumb on Sunday.

Mike Andriani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported a catch of 18 flounder to 1¾ lbs. made at Squaw Island on Sunday by the Steffens family and Don Beck. Also on Sunday, Mike teemed with a friend to take 20 nice flatties along South Beach. A few blackfish being taken at the Thumb. No confirmed weakfish, but some catches of mackerel made in the mornings south of Jones and particularly at the Mud Hole. Best fishing was found in 90 to 110 feet of water. Lots of bass around being caught and released by flounder fishermen. Also, stripers being taken by surf casters at Cedar Beach on whole sandworms. A reminder that the striper season opens on Friday, May 8th with a one fish, 33 inch size limit.

Al Flexer of **Al's Feather Lures** reported taking 60 white perch at Sunken Meadow on his Flash Jigs Wednesday. Al also relayed word of a 9.13 lb. weakfish taken Sunday morning in the Shinnecock Canal by Joseph Reichert. It was taken on a bucktail and weighed at Altenkirch Bait and Tackle in Hampton Bays. Al also knew that Walt Kowal Sr. and Jr. fished the canal on Saturday and Sunday and managed one keeper fluke apiece in addition to a pile of shorts. They did all their fishing with Al's Feather Jigs.

Chester Shew of **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague checked in a catch of 18 flounder from 1 tjo 1½ lbs. for Tom Kelly on Tuesday. Bob Serina and his dad had 15 flatties from 1 to 1¼ lbs. on the weekend. Bob Lamantia and his sons trekked to 65 feet of water

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West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

west of the inlet on Saturday. They finished with over 100 mackerel. On Sunday, they opted to play the flatfish game and put away 50 at the Amity Cut.

A tough week in general for flounder but a few guys managed to come up with some fair catches according to Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor. Several boatmen loaded up on mackerel after running 25 miles SW of the inlet. Among the boats stocking up on the macks were the Lady Marion II, Tin Man Too and the Cathy's Too.

From **Edelman's** in Farmingdale Frank Pristera reported that Ray Netuno of the Cindy Ann kept 30 of 60 flatties taken in the state channel at Gilgo on Sunday. He called the action at the Sore Thumb picky and a real mob scene. Best bet for mackerel on the weekend was 20 to 25 miles SW of the inlet.

Although still in the clutches of a period of prevailing unsettled weather including various rainy and windy days, we've seen super mackerel fishing move much closer to our area over the weekend. Schools have been huge and catches heavy. Flounder remain a pick to good at best, depending on conditions, tidal stage and several other variables. Blacks have been a worthwhile pursuit at the bridges and inshore wrecks and there have been scattered catches of weakfish and some blues, though mainly by commercial netters, however, letting us know that these fish are around.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Wanser's Tackle in Seaford says that many customers returned over the weekend with lots of flounder to show for their efforts, caught mainly at Squaw, Massapequa Cove, Haunts Creek and Black Banks. Two hours on either side of the high were best and heavy mussel chumming was a factor. Fair blackfishing at the bridges and local wrecks with some accidental 3 to 4 lb. weakfish being taken on flounder

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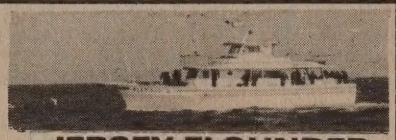

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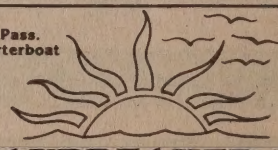

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Joe at **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** agreed that the weather tended to dampen catches this past week, but nonetheless, the unstoppable Charlie Nappi, his daughter and her friend socked it to 96 flatties Sunday from a rental skiff. Several drops were required and they fished worm and clam bait and plenty of chum.

In Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** said the flounder this week was fair to good for his customers, best results from the Merrick area, from Merrick Mountain to Rowboat Alley on incoming water, bloodworms best and heavy chumming a must. Flatties also scattered but being taken in Amityville Cut and in the State Channel east of it. Catches are averaging 10 to 25 a man, most fish big to 2 lbs. Friday saw Fred Schalck with 39 fish to 2½ lbs. fishing Merrick on worms. Mackerel have been excellent whenever the boats got out, from Cholera to 3 Sisters. Big macks. Lots of herring to 1 lb. mixed in as well. Blackfish showed up this past week on inshore and offshore wrecks. Al Culen on Saturday fishing the Tea Wreck and another wreck had good catches of blackfish and ling from 1 to 2 lbs. A few keepable fluke have been taken at the south ends of the bays. Tom of Horizon Heating bagged a 6 lb. fluke Saturday on

spearing.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore had word of all the mackerel in 80 feet of water at Cholera on the weekend. A definite improvemnent on the floundering he said, with some flatties caught in Swift Creek and off the CG Station, and a few stray weakfish taken at the mouth of Fire Island Inlet.

Over at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, Randy says customers reported spotty flounder fishing this past week, but with some halfway decent catches being put away, the poor weather a definite factor. Some nice blackfish at the Big M on slack on fiddlers. Solid catches of mackerel caught on the weekend just SW of the 3 Sisters, with people bagging up.

Out of Freeport, we learn from Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** of Saturday's flatties trip with fair results for Bob Hefner group of Hempstead. The morning incoming tide was best. Sunday's trip for Gibson AC enjoyed a good day of floundering on the same incoming water. High hook was Jim Powers and areas fished were Merrick, Swift and the CG Station. Clam was the hot bait both days.

Aboard the **Starstream II**, Saturday and Sunday saw absolute super mackerel fishing, nothing but the "Heavy duty" variety. The boat returned to the dock early both days. Fares had up to 8 fish at a time. These were big Bostons with bags and coolers filled to bursting.

The word from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** this week was of good flounder catches on both the full and half day boat. The full day boat had high hooks in the 30s with fish to 2½ lbs. On the half day boat, Pete Ferguson had 11 fish plus the pool on Friday. Saturday's PM trip had over 200 fish caught, Ziggy high hook with 20. Friday's AM trip had 12 anglers with over 100 fish. The ebb appeared best and the skipper is looking forward to some elevated water temperatures hopefully to come soon. On the **CL III** which is being used strictly for charters, groups this week had high hooks in the 20s to 2½ lbs. Thursday there were nearly 300 flounder taken and 200 on Sunday.

A call from the **Lady J** fleet reported that their charters this week had fair to good floundering, around the cold and wind. Worm and clam did the trick with the low portions of the tide best. Fish were mostly all big and best action was from Merrick to Long Beach. Pat says the mackerel have moved in close and should be a leap job now. This past week's trips were sailed for: Herb Webb group, Wayne Reynolds and NY Tel., Joseph DiGioia group from TWA; the Semantics, Inc., JFK Airport and Arthur Bethell Hollis Lodge #992 F&AM.

Aboard the **Blue Fin Fleet**, the skipper noted that Saturday's mackerel trip was brisk, with fish caught locally just 15 miles offshore. The team of Hal Block and H Jervis totalled over 64 fish and the catch overall was excellent. Flounder action took an upswing on the weekend with fish to 2 lbs. Rich Henry and Shaun Alvino both had 2 lbers. High hooks of the week were Andy Shoulder, Bill Knight and Vin Morello. Action was local using worms and plenty of chum.

We hear from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** that the bay came alive this past week with Sunday being great for all the charter boats that sailed, working locally in Swift and Haunts. Lots of fish were caught with recruits bagging 10 to 12 a man and sharpies 20 to 30 a man. The **Super Spray II** and **Shamrock** loaded up on mackerel, taking full bags close in.

Aboard the **Jennifer B** this week catches were from picky to fair on mussel-clam combos, with the skipper getting his best results in the shoal areas. Monday AM saw Gloria Dubner with a 2 lber. while on the PM trip 9 fares had 50 nice fish. Friday

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Down at the mouth of Woodcleft Canal, **Lou's Fishing Station** reports boats loaded up on mackerel during the weekend at Cholera, 3 Sisters, 17, the west edge of the Mud Hole. It was a huge body of fish said Lou, up to 3 lbs. The sizes of the local flounder have been great but the numbers could be better. Blackfish action has been fantastic with fish up to 8 lbs. on inshore wrecks such as Coal and Stone barges with some ling mixed in. Some big weaks and some blues being taken by the draggers, so we know they're around. An occasional fluke being picked.

In nearby Point Lookout, it was wall to wall mackerel aboard the **Captain Al** this weekend with fishing that just could not have been any better. The boat returned early both days loaded up having found fish close in at the east edge of the Mud Hole one hour from the dock. Al says he expects the huge mackerel school that is moving up to last another 10 days to 2 weeks of hot action. On Sunday Milton Michaelman of Long Beach, age 81, had roughly 50 macks. Brian O' Rourke of Long Beach had 162 while Bill Slotkin of North Babylon and Charlie, Steve and Carl Capella of Bay Shore totaled 215 fish.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** Saturday's mackerel trip for Ed Mccabe and group had super fishing south of Jones in 90 feet of water with many doubles and triples plus some whiting and herring. Sunday's trip for the Sid Bernstein group saw a slow pick on flounder in the morning inside and it was off to an inshore wreck in the afternoon for some excellent blackfish to 5 lbs., ling to 3 lbs. and a few sea bass. Catches averaged 10 to 15 fish a man, mostly blackfish on clam.

It was tough floundering the early part of the week aboard the **Night Hawk** but there was lot of improvement Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Action was from the golf course to the Jones Beach piers and pools are in the 2 lb. range with fish averaging 3/4 to 1½ lbs. A few stray fluke were mixed in. Mussel-worm combos worked best on the flounder with the last of incoming the hot piece of the tide.

We hear from the **Miss Point Lookout** that Monday was the best of the weekdays this week, with Mary and Irv Keshner bagging 21 flounder, Irwin Hecht, 13, regular Vito 18, Carl Simonson 14. Tuesday and Thursday

was just a pick due to poor weather and on Friday the boat totalled roughly 100 fish. Tuesday's AM trip had Bill Quick with a 2½ lber. Saturday AM Carl Ramos bagged a 2½ lber. and on the PM trip, Charlie Bauer of Franklin Square took a 2¼ lber. Lots of big fish around, said the skipper and worms have been catching best.

We learn from **Ed's Fishing Station** of Brooklyn anglers Joe Martinez and Alfred Arzaga with their 22 flounder taken Saturday in Sea Dog on mussel and worm on the ebb. The unstoppable Mr. Ponzi decked 61 nice flounder in the flats Saturday also on worm and mussel on the ebb. Both these catches required plenty of chumming.

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of Atlantic Beach called Friday to tell of fair to good mackerel fishing. Once the fish are found said Ronnie, there's no end to them. Aside from the fish that are local at this point, there is still another huge body down off Atlantic City which will be moving up and provide another two weeks at least of solid mackerel fishing.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook tells of Ken and Audrey Timper on their boat Hustler, fishing the Steel Wreck Saturday and bailing blackfish to 7½ lbs. It was a flounder feast for shore-based fishermen working Magnolia Pier Thursday when on a flooding tide they had about 10 nice fish a man to 2½ lbs. On Friday, Bill Beckmann Jr and son bailed mackerel on the Star Stream. Bill was high hook with 75 big fish which are a lot closer right now.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over at **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway also comes the news of the readily available hordes of mackerel. Blackfish to 4 lbs. on the Iberia, other inshore wrecks and jetties. Reynolds channel flounder while good during the week, slowed on the weekend with the boat traffic. A few fluke including lots of shorts, but a few up to 4 lbs. have been taken in Reynolds and further in back.

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach advises that the flounder catches have slowed down some off the north and south channel bridges, though most anglers still get a few. Lots of tiny striped bass being caught and released. Blackfishing very good at the marine parkway bridge on fiddlers, with a 9½ lber. weighed in. Small blues mixed with bunker in the bay.

Over in Sheepshead Bay, word has it that the **Helen H** Saturday and Sunday has super mackerel catches from 1 to 3 bags a man just an hour from the dock.

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with fishing just about an hour from the dock. The macks ran 2 to 3 lbs. and there was all the fish you wanted. Customers yanked macks till theyr could yank no further. Al sees at least another week of strong mackerel action. Al's wife Betty who mans the boat's gourmet galley has created another blockbuster, which she calls the Cut-wich, a chicken cutlet parmigan with sauce on a burger role. Yummy!

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** said flounder action this past week ran from slow to decent catches. Nearly all the fish caught were big, however, said the skipper. Some nice ling were mixed in as were a few blackfish. The boat worked Cedars, the jetty area and the SI shoreline.

Captain George of the **Pastime II** rated the flounder fishing fair to good to excellent this week depending on conditions. Flood was best at Silver Hole and Plum Beach on mussels and worms. Saturday's action was fair SW of the Breezy Point jetty. On Friday Larry Blanchette had 25 flatties to 2 lbs. Saturday saw 5-year-old Jessie Blonder take 6 flounder to 2 lbs. by himself. A bucket was filled Sunday AM by Mr. and Mrs. Kargers.

Charlie at **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet told again of the excellent, even super mackerel catches being had by the boats which fished this weekend to the east a bit. Flounder action this week he said had been fair to good, depending on the day and that the blackfishing had been pretty good on the Jersey side but with fish a little smaller this week.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

A pair of nice, fishable days over the weekend put many anglers out on the Sound, and results were somewhat better than in past weeks, thanks to rising water temperatures. Flounder catches were encouraging in most areas, and there were good numbers of tautog from Shoreham west. Schoolie bass for catch and release pleased sports from Northport west.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** told us that there were tautog everywhere, and the short fluke taken in several locations tell us that the season is moving along, even if the mackerel aren't cooperating by showing in numbers yet. **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** dittoed the blackfish reports. "Shorty's Revenge" had about three

dozen tog to nine pounds, fish were taken with green crabs on rocky bottoms. One catch of tautog, made in only a short time, totaled ten fish to ten pounds. There were still flounder around locally.

John Cacciola at **Glen Cove Sport** reminded us that there's still time to contribute to the Fishermen's Defense Fund. Flounder were slow but stable with faster action on blackfish. Jim Chang had four tautog to five pounds in one hour of fishing and Woody Van took a huge eleven pounder off the breakwater. Billy Wetzel had five decent bass on sand off Sands Point. The shop is giving away Berkley Saltwater Strike and free line samples to the first ten customers every Saturday morning.

Fishing picked up over the weekend for the party craft. The **Klondike VIII** out of **New Rochelle** found Northport to be a decent pick and had big fish in the two pound class off Norwalk. Depths were seven to eighteen feet, and water temperatures were around fifty. Having caught the first mackerel of the season, Pete Pearson hopes to be looking for macs at week's end.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** out of **City Island** had twenty-five tautog on Sunday with flounder totals better than a dozen per rod on an average. Most fish are ten inches or more, and fish are waking up along the Bayville beaches in twenty feet of water. The **North Star** also caught over the weekend, and Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** said that his daughter did extremely well on a Saturday trip. A late call from Carl Giangrande confirmed excellent action over the weekend for the **Reliable**. Fares made their buckets in only a few drops off Bayville in twenty-five feet of water.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** had good flounder reports on three quarter to one and a half pound fish in outside waters all the way to Target Rock and Marshall Field. Several private craft managed around three dozen flatties. Carol and Mike Forresto did well on one trip, and so did Tony Valenti and Barry Ferrante. Hank DelPercio and Lou Tinto fished a wreck for a dozen tautog to seven pounds. Most blackfish in local waters are two to four pounds.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** mentioned some hot action on schoolie bass around the power plant. A couple of his friends stopped counting after returning sixty linesiders to the water one week ago.

John Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** said that Saturday was the best day of the season with good tautog reports all along the Shoreham Pipe. Soft baits were doing well along the beaches too. Walt Yackel and a friend had a dozen and a half big flounder close to the beach along the yacht club, and George Christie caused a sensation in Mount Sinai when he showed up with the first pair of mackerel this season. Lots of private boats were fishing out of Mount Sinai on Sunday according to Cathy Daly at **Ralph's Fishing Station**. Very good catches of flounder by the standards of the past weeks, and there were tautog as well.

Bill at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that there were small bass to 24 to 26 inches all over areas from Herrod's Point west. All the fish were taken recently on Rebels and Redfins in five and a half inch sizes. Hagerman's Landing and Broadway were good spots for this catch and release fishing. Floundering had picked up a bit, but most enthusiasts were gladly switching to tautog. Charley Wirth had a dozen and a half tog to eight to ten in four hours of fishing with hermit crabs. John Paduano snagged a five and a half pound shad off Northport.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** was a truly "happy captain" for the first time in a while, thanks to the good mixed bag fishing on rockpiles east of Port Jefferson. Sunday's blackfish averaged about five pounds, with John Gaudio's pool fish topping the scales at eight and a half. Gaudio had ten tautog and three flounder in his superb catch from shallow water in the sixteen to twenty foot range. One pod of mackerel showed plainly on top while chasing bait.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters** called in a fine report of more than three dozen flounder taken by Roger Fretz' party of four. There were also tautog to four pounds on chowder clam bait. Fishing was in eight to ten feet of water at the top of the tide. Bigger flatties now are showing along the beaches. **Huntington Prop** called on Monday to say that Carl McRitten and Walter Stuven had similarly excellent reports from the zone off Eaton's with flounder over one and a half pounds and tautog to four.

Captain Roy Cash called to report great mixed bag bottom fishing on the weekend. While some large flounder were caught, most anglers concentrated on bulldog blackfish. John Gordio managed eight blacks weighing from three to six pounds, and then hooked into the pool fish, an eight and a half pound bulldog. Nils Helstrom, a regular on the **Port Jeff Ace** caught six. Fish were caught on various early blackfish spots near Port Jefferson. Captain Cash wants us to inform you that all tickets are sold for Thursday, May 7th.

NORTH FORK

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** explained that the fishing had definitely picked up when the easterlies stopped blowing. John Scanlon's **Tuna** had five dozen flatties on Saturday. Ace Cottral at the **Pleasures of the Sea** said that the **Sea Boots**, **Boanne II** and the **Fishalot** also got in on the Sound action with fish to two and a quarter pounds. There were very few mackerel out east, with only thirty pounds at a pull coming from most traps.

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Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue** mentioned three basic areas where flounder numbers were finally looking decent, Roanoke, Mattituck Inlet and Petty's Bight. Though fish were not really very large, the numbers were finally good.

Maureen at **Charlie's Mattituck Fishing Station** said that it was now pretty easy to take a dozen flounder per skiff per day and that sharpies could do a lot better. Good fishing obtained from the Beachcomber west, but you cannot call the tides. Sometimes incoming looks best, sometimes it's the outgoing. Despite the blow Thursday, fishing came right back on the weekend.

Phil Loria has had a few boats out of **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk**, and they picked two or three flounder, however the best news was that there were tautog west of Robin's Island. A number of fish to four and a half pounds were taken by one boat and another had seven fish to seven pounds.

"A decent, steady shot" was the way Dave Brennan described the weekend of fishing on the **Peconic Star** out of **Greenport**. Without exception, all the local skippers seemed delighted that results were getting better with each passing day. All fares had a couple of fish or more, high hooks ran better than a dozen, and the daily average seemed to be a good half dozen, with all fish in the one to two and a half pound range. Larry Porter of the **Brand X** was finding fish on every drop in 17 to 65 foot depths and he was exploring the Sound for many miles west of Orient. He finds that the cessation of the east winds really helps the Sound fishing, and Dave Brennan figures that Gardiner's needs three days or more of steady sunshine to heat up.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** out of Orient by the Sea figures that crowds of a dozen or more are taking perhaps seventy-five flounder a day with no throwbacks and the best bite at the top of the tide in around fourty feet of water. Pools are always better than two pounds, usually close to seventeen inches. Water temperatures have risen to 49.8 degrees, still three to four degrees cooler than normal for the period.

Bob Ceglowski of the **Captain Bob** reported exceptional fishing Friday despite the afternoon blow. Bob Marcus, Joel Marcus, and Len Wachtel had over five dozen flounder and tautog, with the best flatties weighing two and three quarter pounds. Ceglowski has found good fishing west of Mattituck Inlet in twenty-four feet of water on both tides.

Several small weakfish and many fluke were in the pound nets on the east end over the weekend.

A charter group did a job on showshoe flounder last Friday on Mattituck's **Captain Bob**. A total of sixty-seven flounder were caught at Northville, many requiring the use of

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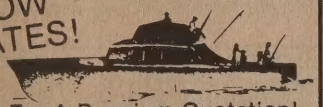

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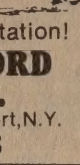

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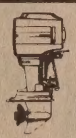

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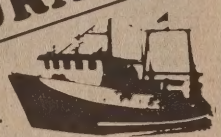

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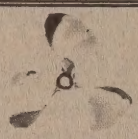

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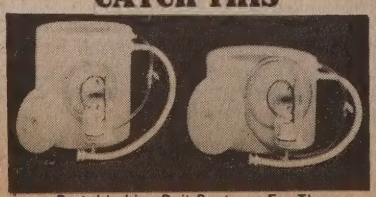

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the boat net, since many of the flatties exceeded three pounds in weight. While most anglers caught three to seven each, three fellows fishing in the stern, Bob and Joel Marcus with Lenny Wachtel, accounted for thirty themselves. Captain Bob noted a daily increase in the number of blackfish taking flounder baits. A reminder that the Captain Bob is an open boat on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, sailing at 8 am.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Improved action with largemouth bass and continued steady pickerel fishing head this week's report. The bass fishing was particulary impressive with several large fish caught and released, including an 8.4 pound lunker. Carp fishing continues slow and action with trout remains good inside the parks and in stocked lakes and ponds.

Bill Beckmann of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, told us that local anglers scored well this week with bass, pickerel and catfish at Smith's Pond on Penninsula Blvd. The bigmouths and pickerel, mostly under a pound, have been taking worms and small spinners or poppers. The catfish (bullheads) have been taking store-bought catfish bait.

At **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, Bob Turturello informs us that South Twin Lake continues to give up a fair amount of bass and crappies. Both species have been taking killies, which the shop now has in stock. Carp fishing has been slow.

At **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle, Franklin Square**, Fred Mello reports anglers taking a few crappies, pickerel and bass at Oakland Lake. Over in Hempstead Lake, the bass have been quiet but pickerel have filled the gap. Fish at both locations are taking spinners or live killies.

Linda from **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, spoke of a quiet week on the freshwater front. The only report she could offer was that some of the local youths have been catching bass in the Southard's Pond outflow.

A few bass starting to feed is the word on Lake Ronkonkoma's fishing scene according to Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters**. Bass of five pounds and 6.5 pounds were reported caught and released by anglers who did not leave their names. Both fish fell for jelly worms. Bottom fishing continues to produce bullheads for those dunking nightcrawlers. Yellow perch have perked up considerably.

A call to **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, put me on the line with Pat Ryan who was busy weighing in a

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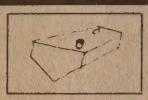

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three pound rainbow taken inside Connetquot River State Park. Pat had been fishing with his friend Dan Ferraro and together they accounted for seventeen trout. Fishing was best in the rain with Hare's Ear nymphs and Muddler Minnows the most productive patterns. The shop has been selling a lot of nightcrawlers but not many anglers have stopped back to report their scores. The feeling is, however, that most of the worms are being used at Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek where there are plenty of small trout for the taking.

The crew at **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, had a very busy week if the following report is any indication. According to Bob Antisi, Bob Becker used a Dancin' Eel to catch and release an 8.4 pound largemouth bass in Patchogue Lake. Hats off to Bob for releasing such a trophy unharmed. Patchogue Lake also produced other fish of note this week including several other bass in the three pound range taken by Pat and Mickey Russo, a few pickerel to three pounds, and a four pound bullhead taken on four pound test line.

Mrs. Devlin gave a ring Sunday evening to say that the fishing on Peconic River was very good over the past week. Saturday was particularly productive with Jeff Savel of East Northport, working a broken-back Rebel just east of the shop and taking several pickerel to twenty-two inches, a few small bass and a couple of panfish. Mr. and Mrs. William Eanes of Port Jefferson Station got in on the action too, taking some nice pickerel and a few small bass on small Rebels. Also on Saturday, Frank Manduca of Flushing and son Lee, used Daredevil and porkrind combinations to nail pickerel of four pounds and five pounds. Sunday witnessed Paul Rubinstein catch a whopper of a crappie, 1.75 pounds.

Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** reported that Joe Cottrone worked Southard's Pond on Friday evening with a black and gold Rapala. His efforts were well rewarded with an 18 inch pickerel, a 19 inch trout and a 2¼ lb. largemouth bass.

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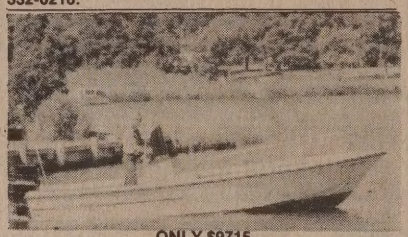

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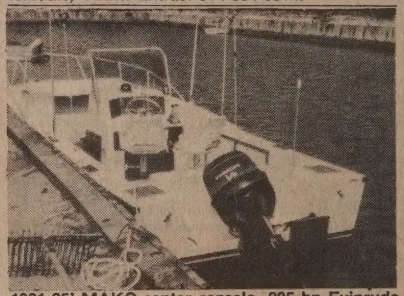

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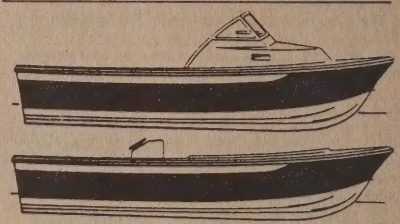

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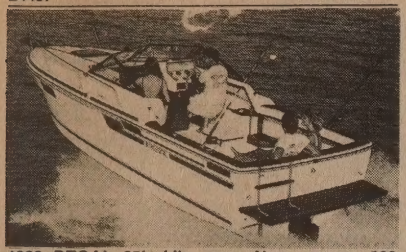

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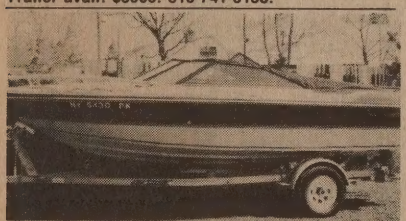

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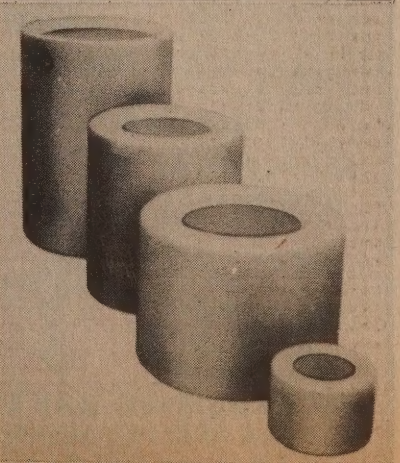

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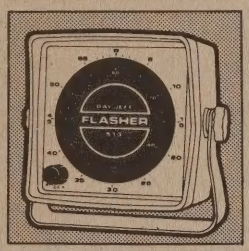

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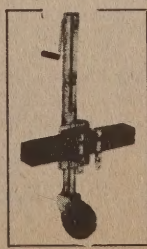

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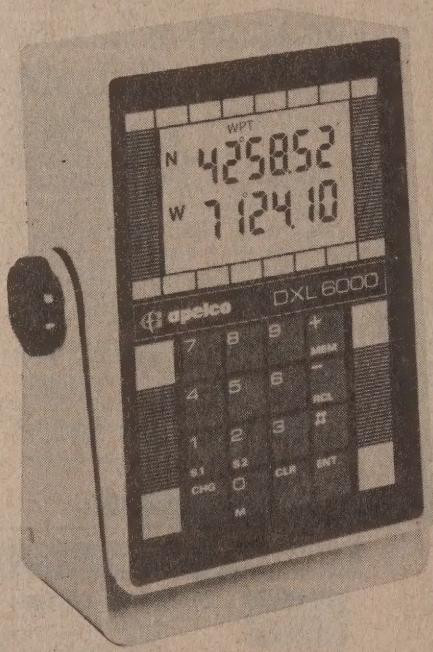

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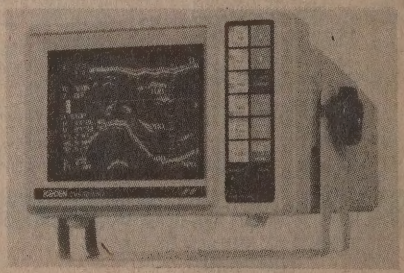

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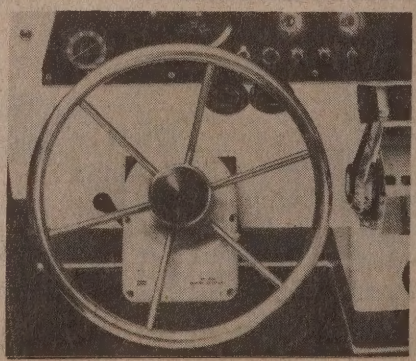

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